The New-York Times.

VOL. XII—NO. 3528. NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1863. PRICE THREE CENTS.

IMPORTANT FROM TENNESSEE.

Two Rebel Divisions at Shelbyville, Above Tullahoma.

Longstreet's Corps, Numbering 20,000, Expected from Virginia.

Demonstration of the Rebels Against Our Transports on the Cumberland.

One Boat Laden with Stores Destroyed.

MORGAN AGAIN IN KENTUCKY.

SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

CHEATHAM'S and McCOWN'S rebel Divisions are at *Shelbyville, expecting to be reinforced by Longstreet's corps, 20,000 strong, from Virginia.*

FORREST, WHEELER and SCHAEPF, with 4,000 men, and two full batteries, are marching toward Charlotte, forty miles west, their object being to destroy our transports with provisions for Gen. ROSECRANS' army.

One boat was destroyed last night, 16 miles down the river, laden with Commissary and Quartermaster's stores. Twenty men were captured and paroled. The boat and freight were burnt.

Eight regiments—four cavalry and four infantry—have been sent after FORREST, Gen. STANLEY commanding.

MORGAN, with 2,000 men, is again in Kentucky, and further damage to the railroad is apprehended.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

NASHVILLE, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The rebels destroyed the steamer *Charter*, 18 miles down the river, loaded with Commissary and Quartermasters' stores and captured 16 men. Five hundred of WHEELER'S rebel cavalry are encamped on the Hardin pike, 12 miles from Nashville. Gen. MITCHELL has ordered STANLEY to pursue them.

There has been skirmishing all day. The enemy are retreating to Harpeth Shoals.

THE MISSISSIPPI EXPEDITION.

Porter and McClernand Going Up the White River.

CAIRO, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Passengers from Memphis report that PORTER'S squadron had arrived at the mouth of the White River. Part of it had commenced to ascend the river, accompanied by a heavy land force, under Gen. McCLERNAND.

Gen. GRANT and staff had arrived at Memphis. Holly Springs was reported almost consumed. The railroad there was torn up and the rails brought to Memphis.

THE FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Why the Soldiers have not been Paid.

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY CHASE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Secretary CHASE, in answering a resolution from the House, says that the soldiers have not been paid because he is not authorized to raise the loan by practicable methods, under existing laws, and that the five-twenty bonds have not been sold because they could not be, under the restrictions imposed by Congress.

He says the arrears of army pay amount to treble the sum he can raise by the existing act, exclusive of that providing for the five-twenties.

The original act providing for their issue provided also for conversions into them of any multiples of fifty dollars United States notes, at the pleasure of the holders, and permitted sales only at the market rate, ascertained from the daily quotations of the New-York sales.

Had the Supplemental act passed, omitting the conversion and market rate clauses, the difficulty would have been avoided.

As it is, acting in accordance with the letter and spirit of the law, he (CHASE) has made no sales, excepting to the amount of twenty-four and a half millions, in that mode.

Had the expenditures been less, or the military success greater, more might have been sold.

There has been obtained since July 1, from all sources, $267,534,816, exclusive of receipts from Customs, etc., making the total $325,000,000 in round numbers.

There has been paid:

To the troops	$79,825,063 67
To the Quartermaster's Department	110,482,495 37
To the Commissary Department	20,517,492 63
Miscellaneous	31,876,269 23
Total	$242,701,771 90

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Important Movements About to be Made.

NEWBERN, N. C., Friday, Jan. 9, VIA FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, Jan. 12.

Troops are rapidly pouring in, and important movements are pending.

It is proposed to establish an independent Naval Department, embracing the inland waters of North Carolina, for Capt. ALEXANDER MURRAY, senior officer, commanding the naval forces in the sounds of North Carolina.

Capt. MURRAY's command is at present attached to the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron. The proposed change is strongly recommended by Rear-Adm. FARRAGUT. It will relieve Rear Admiral LEE of much responsibility, and tend to greater activity in naval operations in this Department. Capt. MURRAY is an experienced naval officer, whose administration here has been unexceptionably efficient and successful.

Hon. G. H. FOSTER is about to receive a beautiful testimonial from the First Native North Carolina Regiment for the valuable services contributed by him in raising this command. He will soon proceed North to procure funds to enable him to bring a second regiment of North Carolina troops.

A meeting was held in the Court-house at Beaufort, on the 6th inst., which adopted resolutions against the recognition by Congress of the recent election here. A protest to the same effect is now being signed by the members of the First North Carolina Union Regiment.

GENERAL BUTLER IN BOSTON.

A Grand and Enthusiastic Reception.

The General's Speech in Faneuil Hall.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Gen. BUTLER had a grand and enthusiastic reception to-day.

Immense crowds gathered around the Lowell Depot, awaiting his arrival, and the route of procession was lined with multitudes of people. Faneuil Hall was overflowing. The spaces around it contained thousands of spectators. The galleries of the Hall were packed with ladies. The General and his escort reached it about 1 o'clock. It was gorgeously arranged with flags and emblems for the occasion—the panels of the galleries bearing the names of cities and of battles which he has made famous by his deeds.

When the General entered the hall the effect was very grand, the handkerchiefs of nearly two thousand ladies waving him a brilliant welcome home. Mayor LINCOLN introduced Gen. BUTLER to the assembled citizens, and spoke of his series of deeds, which were known to the world, and alluded, as a proof of those services, to the fact that the rebels had offered $20,000 for his head. Tremendous applause followed this introduction.

GEN. BUTLER'S SPEECH.

Gen. BUTLER, in response, spoke with great feeling. His emotion, he said, so impressed the heart as to almost choke the words he would utter, and he alluded to the heroic men left behind, who would never again receive a welcome in this world. He announced his readiness to go wherever duty calls. When the Government says the word, he was ready to go north, south, east or west. He said confidently that there was more doubt at home concerning the issue of the struggle than there was among the soldiers, for the soldiers saw and knew our strength, and the weakness of the enemy, and were deeply impressed with the justice of our cause. In his judgment we had exhausted conciliation, and there should be no peace, nor could there be, until the rebels were content to receive it as a part of the Union. His plan of paying the war debt was the introduction of free labor at the South, whereby labor would become honorable, and by which, more abundant crops of cotton could be raised with profit at *less cost than by slave labor. Cotton could be raised* with profit at less than ten cents per pound. We were now paying from 30 to 40 cents per pound for it. But a tax of ten cents per pound upon cotton, thus bringing the market price at 20 cents, and we have an internal revenue from that source alone enough to pay the interest on a war debt twice as large as that we now have. Besides, by doing this, England and France, which have done so much to prolong the war, would thus be obliged to pay a large proportion of the debt.

After some further remarks, in which he alluded to the calumnies that had been cast upon him, Gen. BUTLER concluded by presenting to the Mayor an elegant Confederate flag, taken from the City Hall, New-Orleans. He gave it to Boston, not as a trophy, but as a memento of the evils of secession. Gen. BUTLER resumed his seat amid the most enthusiastic cheering.

Among the decorations on the route of the procession was a large and elegant flag suspended from the residence of Hon. EDWARD EVERETT.

A public dinner was tendered to Gen. BUTLER, but he declined it.

A serenade was given him at the Revere House in the evening. The square was crowded with a dense multitude.

The General returned to Lowell in a special train.

A SAD SKATING ACCIDENT.

Twenty-seven Persons Drowned out of a Pleasure Party of Thirty-seven.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Tuesday, Jan. 13.

A very mournful catastrophe occurred at Harpersville, Broome County, yesterday. A pleasure party of thirty-seven ladies and gentlemen were skating on a pond in that vicinity, when the ice gave way, and twenty-seven of them were drowned.

Meeting of the New-Jersey Legislature.

INTRODUCTION OF PEACE RESOLUTIONS.

TRENTON, N. J., Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Both Houses organized without difficulty this afternoon. A committee was appointed to wait on the Governor, and reported that his Message will be delivered to-morrow.

The Message is a plain State paper, giving a very full account of the State affairs.

In the Senate, Mr. HOLMAN, of Bergen, offered a series of peace resolutions, after the spirit of those offered by Mr. ERCOMB, of New-York, at a Democratic meeting in New-York. They propose an armistice of six months at once. On the second Monday in the third month, after the commencement of the armistice, the people of each Congressional District are to elect an delegate to a National Convention, to meet in Lexington, Ky., on the second Monday of the ensuing month to arrange terms of amicable adjustment of all difficulties.

Mr. HOLMAN moved that these resolutions be made a special order of the day, on the 22d of January at 12 A. M. He said he had not shown them to members because he wanted to assume the responsibility himself.

The resolutions, which are lengthy, and enter into a discussion of the subject, were disposed of according to Mr. HOLMAN's motion.

Adjutant-Gen. STOCKTON gave Gen. McCLELLAN a levee this evening, on which occasion members of both Houses of the Legislature paid their respects to Gen. McCLELLAN.

THE SENATORSHIP OF NEW-JERSEY.

TRENTON, N. J., Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The Democratic caucus has just nominated Col. JAMES W. WALL, of Burlington, for United States Senator, for the short term, by a vote of 36 to 19.

KINGS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CALENDAR, JAN. 14.—Nos. 25, 49, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 74, 41, 46.

FROM THE REBEL STATES.

An Expose of Confederate Finances.

TAXATION A NECESSITY.

A TRUCE CALLED FOR.

Bitter Denunciation of "Native Traitors."

CONFEDERATE FINANCES.

From the Richmond Enquirer, Jan. 9.

The Confederate States have revived the French assignat system on the financial scheme for conducting war, and its results will prove as disastrous in this country as in France. Taxation is the only means of supporting war. The sooner Congress realizes this fact the sooner shall we see the beginning of the end of the evils that now embarrass the Government as well as people.

In the present state of affairs a direct tax is the only mode by which taxation can be made available, and never in the history of the country were its affairs in better condition to bear the burdens of taxation. *While there is no commerce to bear its proportionate share of the burden, yet agriculture,* and manufactures, and trade were never so prosperous as at present. Every article of the country production now brings prices that will well bear the clippings of taxation. Wheat, corn, pork, beef, oats, hay, meal, fodder and straw are selling at prices never before paid in this country. Cotton when sold brings treble the usual price, and when not sold is daily advancing in value. Manufactures of every kind, under the impetus of the war, have increased in amount and enhanced in value. Trade has experienced a like impetus from an abundant currency, *which it has degenerated in character upon* the production and industry of the country.

Taxation can be made the means of compelling speculation and extortion to contribute to the support of the war, as well as to the relief of the country.

It is the duty of the Congress now about to assemble to immediately set itself to work, not to talk, and perfect a tax bill that will afford one hundred to one hundred and fifty millions a year to the Treasury. The principle and details of the bill should have in view, not the protection of any particular branch of industry, but the raising of revenue by the best and surest mode of raising revenue. After the war is over, legislation can be legitimately turned to the fostering of particular branches of trade; but while the fate of all is uncertain and undecided, the ends and objects of legislation should be the defence of all.

In addition to taxation, the Congress will be expected to devise means *of compelling the immense Confederate debt now in circulation to retire from the channels of trade and fall incumbrance on the funds of the country. That this will be a matter of great difficulty is not attempted to be disguised.* While inflation gave no feature of currency to the notes, it is its duty to prevent this currency feature from producing evils that threaten the safety of the Government itself.

No plan that can be devised for compelling the funding of Treasury notes will be entirely devoid of some hardships and apparent injustice. And while the Government should, as far as possible, avoid even the appearance of injustice, yet the effects of one evil may be so great as to demand its suppression even at the cost of injustice. The evil of a superabundant Treasury issue must be suppressed. How shall this be done? Not by substituting a pink note for a white one, not a Duncan note for a Hoyer & Ludwig; but by some measure of legislation that will prevent the necessity of continually issuing Treasury notes to meet Government liabilities.

The Treasury notes promise to pay a certain sum to bearer six months after the ratification of peace, and in the meantime these notes are "receivable in payment of all dues to the Government, except stocks and bonds." These Treasury "promises to pay" have been made by public sentiment a legal tender for private as well as public dues, and men have been arrested and imprisoned for refusing to receive these notes. *The brand of traitor has been most properly fixed on any man who, by declining to receive these notes, has cast suspicion on the solvency of the Government.* No legislation that human ingenuity could devise, can give the terrible sanction to the currency of these notes that public sentiment has fulminated it. This very sentiment, stamped most legibly upon them, than the faces, which seldom adorn and often mar these notes, should cause Congress so to legislate that these never should be out of the Treasury at any one time more than a given amount—to be regulated by the trade demand of the country. This sum we understand to be $150,000,000.

The public sentiment of the country has made these Treasury notes a legal tender, and as we can see no obstacle either of constitutional or financial policy that forbids it, Congress might authorize the issue of one hundred and fifty millions of notes, which should be exchanged at the Treasury for the notes now out, at the rate of two dollars in bonds and one dollar in notes, for three dollars of the issue now out. If, in addition to this, Congress should adopt such legislation as would deprive the notes now out, of the currency feature, the one hundred and fifty millions of new notes would retire nearly the whole amount of the Treasury notes now in circulation—and leave a currency of one hundred and fifty millions—which, with the issues of banks and State Treasury notes, would be more than the country needs.

The proposition adopted by Alabama and South Carolina, and approved by Virginia, for guaranteeing Confederate bonds, will enable the Government to dispense of its bonds, and place its finances up to the amount that may be needed over and above what taxation may produce.

Taxation is required to give value to the bonds; there must be some visible source of revenue to pay the interest with, before capitalists or people can be expected to part with their money for any bonds. The policy of taxation once adopted, and State guarantees added, foreign capitalists will put their faith in the bonds, which stability of government always confers, and which cannot be expected from our new and untried Confederacy, still in the throes of delivery from the old Government. Without taxation State guarantee will avail nothing.

A TRUCE PROPOSED.

The Richmond *Enquirer* makes an extract from an article in the New-York *World*, its text, and urges a truce for six months. It says:

Since war has failed after its most persistent effort to restore the Union, common sense would suggest an armistice to see if agencies other than war would have any effect upon the "rebellion and recalcitrant people." *Let six months of truce try its powers of argument, its arguments and persuasions, and if these fail, if neither by arms or persuasion, by conquest nor argument, by cannon nor persuasion, the Union can be restored, the folly of longer delaying the recognition of Confederate nationality will be so great that permanent peace will result long before the six months of truce shall have expired.*

For eighteen months the people of the Confederate States have worn the fiery ordeal of unparalleled battle; they have never yet recoiled from the contest; and on the first of January, 1863, finds their army larger in numbers, more efficient in equipment, more confident of success, great in their resources, and, though openly avowing great anxiety for peace, yet perfectly willing to continue the conflict. Will not our defeated, disheartened and disappointed enemies never learn the folly of restoring the Union by force of arms—of conquering our consent to their tyrannical Government?

War has failed to restore the Union. SCOTT, McDOWELL, McCLELLAN, POPE, and BURNSIDE in the East; HALLECK, GRANT, BELL and ROSECRANS, in the West; BUTLER and BANKS in New-Orleans; HUNTER in South Carolina, and FOSTER in North Carolina, have all failed. War is "a played out" restorative. It is a sad confession for the United States, but it is true. The sooner the fact is recognized, admitted and acted upon, the happier will be their people. *Separation is inevitable, war has failed to prevent it, peace cannot* [illegible] *it. An armistice with propositions for reconstruction by constitutional amendments, of conventions of States, would very soon reveal the fact that separation was final, and, as far as one generation can speak for its successors, it is eternal.*

Then why not stop the conflict, and set about, like sensible people, to adjust the terms upon which the two nations can live upon the same continent in peace and harmony? To this end the contest has got to come. Enough blood has been shed to test the valor and approve the manhood of both nations, as well as to teach each the blessings of peace in the future, and make each chary of giving offence. *The continent is large enough for both; its capabilities of production can employ the energies of two nations. War can accomplish only the exhaustion of both; it can effect the conquest of neither, but it can only be stopped by the United States.* In the eyes of God and man they are responsible for its longer continuance. If the *World* will elevate all its energies to stopping the war, it will soon relieve the future of all its gloom, restore peace to the country, and prosperity to both nations.

THE "TYRANNY" IN WESTERN VIRGINIA.

From the Richmond Whig, Jan. 9.

A letter to a gentleman of this city, from Mr. J. D. Paxson, of Tucker County, who has been on secret errands of the government of the Yankee Gen. Kelley, states that the Yankee Generals are exercising heavily the citizens of that section who are friendly to the South, after the fashion of taking all means of paying the "Ohio Militia." W. E. Parsons, in company of Gen. J. A. G. M. Parsons, $1000; Amanuel Wolf, of Gen. James E. Parsons, $170; and others in same, down with their principals. They robbed W. S. Parsons of all his property previous to the assessment, and had him in prison at the time." Since the time when Pharaoh required the Israelites to make bricks without straw, we have never heard the parallel of the tyranny which compels men of their property and then levies heavy assessments upon them.

But enough of this, all other dynasts since the days of the Egyptian tyrant, on Nile's banks, have bowed by their cruelty and wickedness, as Abraham's descendants, who plant the seed of spite fed to the Yankee shrubs, guide him to his prey, or decimate him to fresh crops of persecution and tyranny. And this is not only true of Western Virginia, but at every point of the South where the Yankees have penetrated. Wherever happily the number of enlisted persons in the South be small, they make up in enthusiasm what they lack in strength, and wherever we are numerically superior the Yankees in cruelty to the loyal people. It matters not that they themselves have received information and intelligence from the Southern Government, and from Southern citizens; that they have not been strangers and unknown, for pump into patients, as Lincoln pumped into women, constant doses of disloyalty in the North; that, instead of this, they have in many cases made large fortunes out of the war and the Government. The very moment a Yankee army gets possession of their town or section, they turn upon the loyal portion of the community with the malignity of hounds, and if the Yankees relax for a day their habitual severity, complaints are there at Washington as negligent of the duty they owe to "the Union." Of all the despicable dogs in human shape whom this war has developed, none are so bloody and base as those Southern traitors, who, in alienation and exile, calumniate more truculent and cruel Yankees. The blackest *traitor of New-England, in comparison with these treacherous* [illegible] *is as white as the driven snow.* The Yankee, bad as he is, is not a traitor to his own home, and does not seek the destruction of his own section, the ruin of its interests, and the humiliation of its honor. But these wretches, knowing that they are a miserable minority of the Southern community, and in the face of the horrid cruelties and abominations committed by the Yankee despoilers, turn their poisoned, viperous fangs against their persecuted country, and hound on the Yankees to greater crimes against their own kith and kin than even Yankee diabolism had ever conceived.

THE LATEST REBEL NEWS.

By Way of Fredericksburgh.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The Richmond *Whig* and *Enquirer*, of this date are received. They contain the following:

AFFAIRS ON THE BLACKWATER.

PETERSBURGH, Monday, Jan. 12.

Gen. PAXON encountered DODGE'S Mounted Riflemen five miles from Suffolk, with two companies of cavalry, and routed them, inflicting considerable loss. Gen. PAXON remained in line of battle until Sunday morning, but the enemy would not leave their strongholds. Learning that 5,000 Yankees were at Carrsville, Gen. PAXON pushed across to intercept them. They fled on our approach, escaping through Gates County. The prisoners captured say that Gen. CONCHRAN commands at Suffolk.

THE MURFREESBORO BATTLES.

The *Enquirer* still contends that the battles of Murfreesboro were victories for the South. It says this victory is by far the most complete one by our arms in the Southwest. We do not regard the falling back by BRAGG as detracting in the least from the glory of our arms or the importance of our victory. All the boastful dispatches that BUCHANAN may write, can never recapture the prisoners, arms and artillery carried off by BRAGG, nor rebuild the wagons burned by MORGAN and WHEELER.

THE VIRGINIA MILITIA CALLED OUT.

Gov. LETCHER, in response to a requisition of President DAVIS, has, by proclamation, called out all the militia in the counties bordering on the North Carolina line, to aid in repelling any invasion by the enemy in that direction. They are to rendezvous at Petersburgh. The following are the counties named: Greenville, Dinwiddie, Petersburgh, Brunswick, Lunesburgh, Mecklenburgh, Halifax, Charlotte, Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick, Franklin, Nottaway, Prince Edward, Campbell and Lynchburgh. A camp of instruction is to be established at Petersburgh.

NEGROES WANTED.

The Tredegar Iron Works advertise for 500 negroes for the ensuing year, to be employed at the blast furnaces in Bottetourt County and at the coal mines on the James River.

THE MURFREESBORO PRISONERS.

The *Whig* says the Murfreesboro prisoners are to be sent to Richmond; the Yankee Government having refused to receive them unless their officers are also paroled. The latter, some 200 in number, will be held in confinement, in accordance with the President's Proclamation, until Gen. BUTLER shall have been delivered up for punishment and the men retained until the Abolition magnates consent to take them on our terms.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Molasses was quoted at $11 per gallon by the barrel. Gold selling at $2@2 10. Sterling Exchange, $2 05 @2 12½.

Funeral of Dr. Beecher.

THE PROGRAMME OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The funeral services of the late LYMAN BEECHER will be held to-day, at 2 o'clock, in the Plymouth Church, all the family of the deceased, with the exception of Dr. EDWARD BEECHER, Col. and Rev. JAMES BEECHER, of the One Hundred and Forty-first Regiment N. Y. V., Chaplain THOS. K. BEECHER, Lieut. H. B. BEECHER, United States Army, Lieut. FRED. E. STOWE, and the sons of WILLIAM and CHARLES, who, with the aforementioned, are with the army, are in the City, at the house of the Rev. H. W. BEECHER.

The ceremonies connected with the funeral are as follows:

THE PALL-BEARERS,

Rev. Thos. H. Skinner, D. D.,
Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D.,
Rev. Wm. A. Hallock, D. D.,
Rev. Milton Badger, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D.,
Rev. Joshua Leavitt, D. D.,
Rev. John Marsh, D. D.,
Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., D. D.,
Rev. Mr. Spear, D. D.,
Rev. Mr. Boddington, D. D.,
Rev. Mr. Bidwell, D. D.,

will meet at the late residence of the deceased in Willow-street, (Brooklyn,) and proceed thence, with the family and the body, to the church.

Such clergymen of this and the adjoining cities as are desirous of testifying their respect for the deceased, and their sympathy for his family, will meet in the lecture-room at 1½ o'clock, and, after such action as may be deemed proper, will proceed in a body to the church.

A COMMEMORATIVE SERMON

will be preached by Rev. Dr. LEONARD BACON, of New-Haven, which will, to a certain extent, be historical as well as biographical. No man living is better fitted by nature, culture and opportunities than he for such a duty, and his performance of that duty will be discharged *con amore*.

After the services at the church the remains will be taken to New-Haven, in compliance with the expressed desire of Dr. BEECHER, who asked that his resting place might be "by the side of Brother TAPPAN."

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

GEN. WOOL IN COMMAND.

His Arrival in this City, Establishment of Headquarters and Issuing of General Orders.

Districts to be Limited Area, and the Ranks of the Army to be Filled Up with the Cowards now Skulking in this City.

From the following documents will be seen that Gen. WOOL has been ordered to the command of the Department of the East, which Department embraces THE NEW-ENGLAND STATES AND THE STATE OF NEW-YORK.

The headquarters of the Department are located in this City, and the Commanding General, with his Staff, has arrived and taken possession.

The documents relating to the Department are as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW-YORK CITY, Jan. 12, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.—The following orders from the Adjutant-General of the Army were received on the 11th instant:

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, JAN. 5, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2.—The Military Department of the East is hereby created, to consist of the New-England States and the State of New-York. Headquarters, New-York City.

Major-Gen. JOHN E. WOOL, United States Army, is assigned to the command of the Department of the East.

By order of the Secretary of War,

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

In obedience to the above orders, Major-Gen. JOHN E. WOOL hereby assumes command of the Department of the East.

The following named officers of the personal Staff of the Commanding General are announced, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Col. T. J. CRAM, Aide-de-Camp and Topographical Engineer.

Lieut.-Col. JOHN B. FRENCHMAN, Aide-de-Camp and Acting Assistant Inspector-General.

Maj. C. T. CHRISTENSEN and Capt. SIDNEY CARSTENS, Aides-de-Camp and Acting Assistant Adjutants-General.

Capt. DE WITT CLINTON, Aide-de-Camp and Acting Judge-Advocate.

By command of Maj.-Gen. WOOL,

C. T. CHRISTENSEN, Major and Aide-de-Camp, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

NUMBER TWO.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW-YORK CITY, JAN. 12, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2.—I. Commanding Officers of all forts, barracks, and camps, within the limits of this Department, will, without delay, forward to these Headquarters, for the information of the Commanding General, a return of all the troops serving under their immediate command.

II. All officers belonging to the various staff corps of the army, and all officers of the line on detached service, serving in this Department, will promptly report in writing to these Headquarters, their location, the nature of the duty they are performing, and the authority assigning them to such duty.

In like manner all officers, whether of the regular or volunteer service, now on leave of absence within this department, will immediately report their residence, and the authority under which they are absent from their respective regiments or corps, from what time their leave of absence took effect, and for how long a period. Enlisted men on furlough will report to the nearest commissioned officer, to whom they will give satisfactory evidence that they are absent by proper authority. The officer to whom they report, will in turn report to these headquarters a list of all such men known by him to be on furlough, specifying *the authority granting the same and the length of* time. By command of Major-Gen. WOOL,

C. T. CHRISTENSEN, Major and A. D. C., Acting Assistant Adj.-General.

NUMBER THREE.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW-YORK CITY, JAN. 12, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3.—I. As it is a well-known fact that there are large numbers of deserters scattered throughout the Department of the East, embracing New-York and all the New-England States, it is hereby made the duty of all officers within the same, whether on duty or on leave of absence, to use the utmost vigilance to arrest and turn over to the proper authorities, for transportation to Washington, D. C., all deserters and enlisted men who may be absent from their regiments without proper authority; the officer reporting to these Headquarters the number and names of those so arrested.

All officers known to be improperly absent from their respective regiments or corps should be promptly reported to these Headquarters, for such action as the best interests of the service may require.

II. The Commanding General appeals to the patriotism of the citizens of this Department, and earnestly solicits that they will use their utmost endeavors to apprehend and hand over to the nearest authorities all soldiers who are deserters from their regiments or corps.

In these times of danger to our common country no one is exempt from rendering every aid in his power to check the demoralizing influence caused by the great number of men who are cowardly shirking the duties which they have sworn to perform, while those who remain faithfully at their posts are thus compelled to perform double duty.

Every citizen who does not exert himself in remedying this monstrous evil, which so seriously impairs the efficiency and discipline of the army, sanctions, more or less, the perpetration of a crime, which is liable to be punished by death, no matter what time may have elapsed since the desertion, and it should be remembered, "that every person who shall procure, or entice a soldier, in the service of the United States to desert, or who shall conceal such soldier, knowing him to have deserted, or who shall purchase from such soldier his arms, or his uniform clothing, or any part thereof, shall, upon legal conviction, be fined, at the discretion of the Court, in any sum not exceeding $300, or be imprisoned for any term not exceeding one year."

The sooner, therefore, a deserter surrenders himself to the proper authorities, the more likely will he be to escape severe punishment; while, on the other hand, the longer he remains absent, the greater will be the certainty of the extreme penalty of the law being inflicted upon him. By command of

Major-Gen. WOOL,

C. T. CHRISTENSEN, Major and A. D. C. Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

The General Commanding is a resident of this State—a political and personal friend of our Governor—an honest, upright and consistent Union man, of undoubted energy and integrity, and brings, doubtless, to the discharge of his new duty the very qualities which are most requisite. His arrival is timely, and the field, full of work, is ready for his hand.

THE CHARLESTON BLOCKADE.

Capture of a Rebel Boat with a Major and European Dispatches.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The *Bulletin* of this city publishes a letter from the blockading squadron off Charleston, dated the 4th inst., announcing the capture of a rebel boat, with a Major and important dispatches for Europe.

The Pennsylvania Legislature.

ELECTION OF HON. CHARLES R. BUCKALEW, UNITED STATES SENATOR.

HARRISBURGH, PA., Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The Republican members of the Pennsylvania Legislature met at 10 o'clock this morning, and adjourned without announcing their action.

At 12 o'clock, noon, the Senate and House met in joint session, and, upon the first ballot, Hon. CHARLES R. BUCKALEW was elected United States Senator in place of Hon. DAVID WILMOT, by two majority.

Mr. LAPORTE voted for Hon. W. D. KELLY. With this exception, the other Republicans voted for Hon. SIMON CAMERON.

THE JURA AT PORTLAND.

ADDITIONAL FOREIGN NEWS.

JAPAN IN A STATE OF REVOLUTION.

Summary of Intelligence by the City of Baltimore.

Further Comments of the English Press on the Fredericksburgh Repulse.

INTERESTING CONTINENTAL NEWS.

PORTLAND, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The steamer *Jura*, Capt. ACTON, from Liverpool 1st, and Londonderry 2d, and Cape Race 10th, arrived at 6 o'clock this evening, with 101 passengers.

Purser TAYLOR reports, 10th, at 6 P. M., 80 miles west of Cape Race, passed a steamer, supposed to be the *Europa*, bound east; 12th, at 2 P. M., lat. 42°, lon. 52° 4', passed a steamer, supposed to be the *Anglo Saxon*, bound east.

ADDITIONAL NEWS BY THE JURA.

Among the speakers at the Manchester meeting was the negro JACKSON, known as JEFF DAVIS's escaped coachman.

The English journals were largely occupied in political and financial reviews of the past year and speculations on the future. The financial editor of the *Times* predicts continued active trade with America. It says, when the war broke out America held large stocks of foreign produce. These are now nearly exhausted. She must consequently return, not only to the old, but to a greatly increased scale of importation. The same result may be expected whether the war continues or not.

SPAIN.

Rumors had been current that CALDERON COLLADON had resigned the foreign ministry, but the latest dispatches contradict them.

RUSSIA.

The imperial ukase extends the privilege of drawing bills of exchange to persons not following commercial pursuits.

JAPAN.

Late advices show Japan in a regular state of revolution. Important reforms were being inaugurated, and changes which will affect the interests of foreign countries. It is reported that the Regent had been murdered.

NEWS BY THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

The following is a synopsis of the news by the *City of Baltimore*, which left Liverpool Dec. 31 for New-York:

The *Jumbo* has been sold at auction, at Gibraltar, for $19,500. She will henceforth be engaged in the Liverpool and Mediterranean trade.

The battle of Fredericksburgh was the theme of universal comment in the English journals. Some regard it as most disastrous for the North, and others speak in a more qualified tone. All admit the gallantry of the Northern troops. The Daily News says they fought with bravery rarely equaled and never surpassed, and although failing signally in their object, they remained at the end of the fight a great and powerful host. It casts the blame on the incapacity of the Federal leaders.

The Times thinks it a tremendous disaster for the North, and confirmatory of the almost universal belief that the Confederates are fully able to maintain their independence, and it ought to lead those who have influence on American opinion to admit that the time has arrived for counseling the abandonment of a hopeless enterprise. It says that no one can doubt that the Federals fought well, for that they have done at all times; but more than usual is the time has awaited them. The *Times* awaits with interest for the development of its effects in the South.

The *Star* admits it was a repulse, but says it was no decided victory. It looks for no material change in the contest. Other journals suggest that it may be made the key-note for mediation and compromise. The *Herald* asks whether it is not the conjecture of events that shaped themselves in Earl RUSSELL's mind as those that would render mediation warrantable.

La France says after the battle of the 13th, Mr. LAYARD had a long conference with the Minister of France, and the peace party consider this step taken as a desire for conciliation.

Mr. STANSFIELD, the Liverpool correspondent of the *Times*, again urges in that journal the recognition of the South as the first step toward mediation.

The *Times* devotes another editorial to the denunciation of Gen. BUTLER. It says his continued insults cannot be tolerated, and loudly calls for his removal.

Mr. GLADSTONE, in a speech on the Lancashire distress, expressed the hope that the crisis had been passed, and that by March a decided improvement in trade would be experienced.

M. FOULD made a financial statement that the French Government deficit for the year was 53,000,000 francs. The Mexican expenses were 57,000,000 francs. The estimated surplus for 1863 was 110,000,000 francs.

O'DONNELL had spoken in the Spanish Senate on the Mexican question. He justified Gen. PRIM's course. The claims of France were excessive. The real cause of the rupture was ALMONTE, who deceived France. He appealed for a union of parties. The speech caused a sensation. The address to the throne was then adopted—95 to 22.

It was rumored that Prussia sent a dispatch to Austria, threatening to withdraw from the Confederation if the Prussian proposals were rejected.

A plot for a rising in Poland, during January, had been discovered.

Advices from Mexico stated that Gen. FOREY would commence operations in the middle of January.

It was reported that the conference of the representatives of the protecting Powers of Greece will shortly be held in London to settle the questions of the cession of the Ionian Islands.

The Russian diplomatic circular shows a coincidence of views of GORTSCHAKOFF and Earl RUSSELL on the Danish question.

ITALY.

A circular had been issued by the Minister of the Interior, desiring the Prefects of the Southern Provinces to report the municipalities not giving sufficient assistance for suppressing brigandage, that they may be dissolved. The Minister states that he reckons upon the cooperation of the National Guards, and wishes the Prefects to complete their organization.

Gen. DUNN, and another officer, who served under GARIBALDI in winning Sicily, have been arrested at Nice by order of the French Government.

The appointment of Gen. WILLISEN Ambassador of Russia at Turin, was very offensive, as before the Radetzky campaign, he obtained permission to inspect the Piedmont fortresses, and was found acting on RADETZKY'S Staff when the catastrophe at Novara occurred.

The Ministerial journals positively deny that Monsieur DE SARTIGES had requested the Italian Government to restore the private property of the King of Naples, seized by GARIBALDI.

RIO JANEIRO, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Coffee 6[illegible]@6[illegible] for good India. Stock, 85,000 bags.

THE NATIONAL FINANCES.

How to Raise Money for the Support of the Government.

Speech of Hon. Mr. Spaulding in the House of Representatives, Jan. 12, 1863.

WANTS OF THE TREASURY.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The immediate requirements of the Treasury are not less than $100,000,000. Before you can pass this bill through both Houses, have it approved by the President, and get bonds and notes engraved, printed and issued, at least $50,000,000 more will be required. The pressing demands upon the Treasury, between this and the 1st of next month, for the pay of soldiers and other creditors may be put down at $150,000,000. The gold and silver in the banks in New-York, Boston, and Philadelphia, on the 1st of this month, probably did not exceed $80,000,000; to which you may add the gold and silver in all other banks in all the loyal States, as will appear in official reports to the 1st of January, 1863, and the whole sum will not exceed $90,000,000. All this coin is necessary for the banks to take care of their own liabilities; but even if the Secretary of the Treasury could, on the credit of the Government, by a sale of bonds at any sacrifice, or by the aid of the military power, visit every bank in the country, and by force compel all this coin to be paid into the Treasury, it would not pay fifty cents on the dollar of the demands due from the Government, and which ought to be paid in the next twenty days. It is, therefore, perfectly plain that even the small sum of $150,000,000, now due, cannot be paid in gold. It would be a great gratification to me, and, I doubt not, to every other loyal citizen, if it were otherwise. It is no fault of the Secretary or of Congress, that gold cannot now be paid to soldiers and other creditors. It is simply an impossibility, by any plan, to get enough for that purpose. There never was a more pertinent application of the old maxim than when applied to our present condition, "when we cannot do as we would, we must do as we can."

SPECIE PAYMENTS IMPOSSIBLE.

I have had a strong desire to provide money upon a specie basis, for the support of the Army and Navy, during the pending struggle to preserve the Constitution and the National Union. I would much prefer to pay gold and silver to all the creditors of the Government. During the first six months of the war, I was in hope that our expenditures might be kept within limits that would admit of such a financial policy. I believe that this was the earnest wish of the Secretary of the Treasury and of every member of the Committee of Ways and Means. But with an army in the field of from seven hundred thousand to one million of men, to be fed, clothed and paid, and all the material of war provided to make them efficient for active duty, it was very soon ascertained that the coin in the country, amounting only to about $200,000,000, if every dollar held by the banks and the people could have been availed of, was far too small to meet these large expenditures. We could not shut our eyes to the vastness of the volume of debt that was open before us. It was very soon made apparent that our national debt would, at an early day, reach $2,000,000,000, equal to half the debt of Great Britain; and that it would be utterly impossible to make loans on a specie basis fast enough to meet such enormous expenditures.

BONDS AND NOTES.

At the last session, and after there had been a general suspension of specie payments by the banks and the Government, Congress authorized the issue of $100,000,000 of legal tender notes; and by another law, passed a few months later in the session, an additional issue of $150,000,000 was also authorized, but the Secretary was required to hold in reserve $50,000,000 to meet any calls that might be made for temporary deposits in the State Treasuries. We all hoped that this would be all the legal tender notes that would be necessary. Congress also authorized the Secretary to borrow $500,000,000, payable in twenty years, and redeemable at the pleasure of the Government after five years, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly in coin, and gave him authority to sell them at any time "at the market price," to raise money to carry on the war; and further authorized the holder of any legal tender notes to convert them at any time, at par, into these six per cent. bonds.

The Secretary has built out nearly $250,000,000 legal tender notes, being all that he was authorized to issue; and, notwithstanding he has had authority for the last ten months to sell $500,000,000 of five-twenty six per cent. bonds, at the market price, he has only disposed of about $25,000,000, and has still authority to sell $475,000,000 at the market price, and take his pay for them in legal tender notes.

One of the reasons why more of these bonds have not been disposed of is, that there has been no redundancy of currency, and it has been difficult for the Secretary to get legal tender notes on a sale of the bonds and seven three-tenths notes that he has already negotiated.

The War and Navy Departments have almost unlimited power to contract debts for the supply of the Army and Navy. The volume of supplies and supply trains for your army are enormously large; and extending over such a widely extended field of military operations as that in which our several army corps are engaged, no one can fail to see that it is next to impossible to estimate accurately the amount to be appropriated for a year in advance. But it is painfully certain, that with the present army in the field, there is no way of limiting the amount of expenditures when they are actively operating to put down so gigantic and desperate a rebellion.

We have now the largest and funded debt is already large, and that there is a large contract indebtedness, which ought to be paid at an early day, but without any adequate means in the Treasury to pay it. There is a large amount due to the soldiers that must be paid at the earliest moment possible. The soldiers now on the field of battle or encamped in front of the enemy, enduring all the perils and hardships of war, many of whom have not received their pay for months, ought not to be put off any longer. They can hardly be expected to perform their duties with alacrity unless they are promptly paid, especially when they know, as many of them do, that their families at home are suffering for the want of the means of life. It is an imperative necessity that the means for paying the army and navy should not be delayed any longer. If the Secretary cannot raise the money to pay the creditors of the Government by a loan on five-twenty six per cent. bonds at the market price, *other authority must be given him to raise the money*, and Congress ought to confer that authority upon him as soon as possible.

The time has arrived when our finances must engage the earnest and united attention of all loyal Representatives. We were in great peril last year, but our dangers are now twofold what they were then. It was very difficult last year to provide the money to meet the large appropriations made for the support of the army and navy. It will be still more difficult to meet the enlarged requirements of the current and next fiscal year. The Army bill alone appropriates over $731,000,000, which added to the ordinary and other expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, amount to the enormous sum of $1,094,431,183 56, to which must be added the amount still required for appropriations and deficiency of the year ending June 30, 1863, and which, according to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, amounted on the 1st of December last to the sum of $551,231,131 59, making the whole aggregate required to meet appropriations during the next eighteen months $1,646,054,315 15.

DEMANDS OF THE COMING YEAR.

The following statement will exhibit with some degree of accuracy the amount of the expenditures and the probable resources for the current and next fiscal year, and the probable amount of appropriations that will not be drawn at the close of the year:

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report, estimates the aggregate of appropriations required for all purposes to carry on the Government for one year, namely, from July 1, 1862, to July 1, 1863, to be ..... $[illegible]

He estimates that there will remain undrawn of those appropriations on the 30th June, 1863, the sum of 300,000,000 00

Leaving an aggregate of money required for the expenditures of the year ending June 30, 1863 ..... $[illegible]

This is a large amount of money required to meet the expenses of the current year. The Secretary informs us that he has already realized a part of this large sum, and has applied it to pay urgent demands that have been made upon him. How was it obtained?

1. He had a balance on hand in the Treasury July 1, 1862, of ..... $[illegible]
2. There was received for the first quarter of the year, namely, from July 1, 1862, to Oct. 1, 1862, from customs, direct taxes, internal duties, sale of public lands, and all other sources, the sum of 24,164,932 21
3. He realized from loans in various forms during the same time 114,488,321 01
4. He realized from loans in October and November last ..... 95,670,895 06 — 237,337,646 03

Balance of money required, and which must be realized in some form, to carry on the Government, from December 1, 1862, to July 1, 1863 ..... 557,221,131 59

5. To pay this large sum between the 1st of December, 1862, and the 1st of July, 1863, the Secretary informs us that of the $300,000,000 legal tender notes he was authorized to issue, there remained to be issued, at the date of his report, and which were being issued as fast as they could be printed, the sum of 237,007,869 00

6. He estimates that $60,000,000 of postal currency, of the denomination than one dollar, will be required by the Department. He had issued already, to the date of his report, $3,000,000, leaving still to be issued ..... [illegible] which he thinks may be made available during the year, the sum of ..... $[illegible]

7. The Secretary also estimates that there will be realized from the sale of the third and fourth series of 7-30 Treasury notes, namely, [illegible] to July [illegible] from internal duties [illegible] direct tax $[illegible], from customs $[illegible], from sales of public lands $[illegible], from miscellaneous sources $1,[illegible]; making ..... [illegible]

[illegible]

Leaving amount to be borrowed, in some form, from Dec. 1, 1862, to July 1, 1863 ..... $344,721,238 01

The Secretary anticipates that he can borrow during the current year, under existing laws, the following sums, namely: The amount received on deposit at the different Sub-Treasuries at four and five per cent., at the date of his report, was $[illegible], and he estimates that he may receive on deposit (borrow in this form) during the current year the additional sum of $20,201,250.

Certificates of indebtedness of one year, bearing interest at six per cent., have already been issued to the amount of $87,303,941 56; and the Secretary estimates that he can carry a debt in this form of at least $100,000,000, and that he may be able to issue additional certificates to the amount of $12,696,758 35.

The Secretary had only borrowed, at the date of his report, under the act authorizing the issue of $500,000,000 five-twenty six per cent. bonds, the sum of $23,750,000, and estimates that, if the law remains as it is, he can borrow during the current year the additional sum of $35,000,000.

These last three items not being yet realized, and depending upon the contingency of borrowing, cannot be now counted as positive resources.

In addition to the above estimates for the current year, the Secretary has submitted estimates for the year ending June 30, 1864. It is customary for Congress to make appropriations one year in advance, and also provide the means to meet such additional appropriations.

The aggregate of appropriations made or asked for by the Secretary during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, amount in the sum of $1,094,431,183 56

From which deduct the probable amount of appropriations which will remain undrawn July 1, 1864, estimated by the Secretary at $300,000,000, but which, with the large and pressing demands that will be made upon him, are not likely to exceed 100,000,000 00

Probable amount of expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864 ..... $994,431,183 56

The Secretary estimates resources during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1864, as follows:

Receipts from Custom duties	$90,000,000	
Receipts from Internal revenue	120,000,000	
Receipts from the sale of lands	2,000	
Receipts from miscellaneous sources	2,000,000	
		212,002,000 00
Leaving the sum to be borrowed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864		$772,429,183 56
Add the amount to be borrowed for the fiscal year 1863		344,721,238 01
Whole amount (over and above revenue) to be provided for at the session to carry on the Government to July 1, 1864		$1,117,150,421 57

This estimate exceeds that of the Secretary of the Treasury by more than $200,000,000. He asks for only $900,000,000; but I estimate that, if the creditors are paid up promptly, not leaving more than $100,000,000 of undrawn appropriations at the end of the next fiscal year, not less than $1,117,000,000 will be required, over and above taxes and customs, to carry on the Government to the 1st of July, 1864, provided the war is prosecuted on the same scale that it is now carried on up to that time.

NATIONAL DEBT.

Particulars of the Public Debt outstanding Jan. 2, 1863.

Loan of 1842 in course of payment	$2,352,394 11
Loan of 1847	9,415,250 00
Loan of 1848	4,696,000 00
Loan of 1858	20,000,000 00
Loan of 1860	7,022,000 00
Loan of 1861, act of Feb. 8, 1861	18,415,000 00
Loan of 1861, act of July 22, 1861	80,032,000 00
Loan of 1863, five-twenty six per cent.	23,750,500 00
Texas indemnity	3,401,000 00
Oregon war debt	1,028,000 00
Texas debt	112,003 36
Old funded and unfunded debt	114,115 48
Treasury notes issued prior to 1857	364,541 64
Treasury notes under acts subsequent	3,709,320 00
Treasury notes, seven-thirty per cent. interest	139,098,000 00
Temporary deposits at four per cent.	26,468,000 00
Temporary deposits at five per cent.	41,777,650 16
United States notes, legal tender and receivable for customs	14,012,016 25
United States notes, legal tender	323,109,000 00
Postal currency less than one dollar	4,844,026 00
Certificates of indebtedness, six per cent.	110,321,541 00
Requisitions on the Treasury not yet paid and other creditors, due but not paid	99,117,597 00
Total funded and unfunded debt to Jan. 2, 1863, according to the books in the Treasury Department	928,904,322 04
To which may be added the estimates of appropriations made and asked for to July 1, 1864, (including $100,000,000 that will be undrawn at the end of the year, and which will be due though not paid,) amounting to, say	1,646,054,315 15
Public debt estimated to July 1, 1864, if the war continues on the same scale to that time	$2,600,000,000 00

On looking carefully at the above figures, it will be seen that of the large sum, $788,556,777 62, required to pay the current expenses of the fiscal year ending July 1, 1863, only $237,337,646 03, had been realized for the first five months, up to Dec. 1, 1862; and that during the ensuing seven months from that time, the large sum of $551,231,131 59 will still to be provided for, being more than $78,000,000 per month, and more than $2,500,000 per day. The immediate available resources with which to pay these daily expenses were $27,007,869 legal tender notes, not then issued, the daily receipts from customs and internal taxes, and whatever sum might be realized from the daily issue of postal currency of less denomination than one dollar. More than $44,000,000 must be borrowed in some form between the 1st day of December, 1862, and the 1st day of July next, to which must be added the sums to be borrowed from July 1, 1863, to July 1, 1864, $772,308,183 56; making altogether a sum to be borrowed in eighteen months over and above customs and taxes, of more than $1,117,000,000.

HOW MONEY IS TO BE RAISED.

How is this large sum to be obtained?

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report, indicates two modes of obtaining it, as follows:

1. A national bank bill.
2. By loans in some of the forms heretofore authorized.

I propose to examine these modes of obtaining the money, in the order above stated.

A NATIONAL BANK LAW.

1. It is proposed by this bill to authorize the formation of banking corporations in all parts of the country, with the usual powers of State banks. They are to have the power to issue bank-notes, to circulate as money, and to be secured by United States stocks, deposited in the Treasury Department, as security for the redemption of the currency thus issued. This bill in all its essential features is like the free banking law of the State of New-York. It proposes to nationalize all the bank currency of the country by the adoption of such a coercive policy toward existing banks as will compel them to throw up their present State charters, and organize anew under this bill. A tax of two per cent. per annum is proposed on all State bank circulation, in addition to the State, county and city taxes which State banks are compelled to pay under State laws, and in addition to the internal revenue tax of three per cent. on their profits, making an aggregate tax upon State banks of about five per cent. By this hostile policy toward existing banks, it is proposed to compel them to surrender their present chartered rights, to make a market for United States stocks, to be deposited in the Treasury Department as a basis for National bank circulation under this new system, to the amount of $250,000,000. It is anticipated that in the course of a few years, and certainly as soon as the system goes fully into operation, United States bonds will be deposited to this amount. There is no provision requiring new banks, organized under this bill, to redeem their circulating notes in coin. They are to remain under suspension of specie payments, the same as existing banks, until there is a general resumption on the part of the Government and the banks, long after the close of the war. The central idea of the measure, as stated in the Secretary's report, "is the establishment of one sound uniform currency, of equal value throughout the country, upon the foundation of national credit, combined with private capital," and the making this the settled financial policy of the country. This is the scheme proposed. The first question suggested is, will this materially aid the Government in the present exigency? I think it will not, and the Secretary frankly admits that "little direct aid is to be expected from this plan during the present, and not very much, perhaps, during the next year." We have already issued, and put in circulation, legal tender notes direct from the Treasury, and without the machinery or expense of a national bank, to about the sum of $250,000,000. These Treasury notes are based, for their security and ultimate redemption, upon the good faith of the people and all their property. For what currency we need in the pending struggle for national existence, will it be wise to attack the State banks? Will it be wise to raise up powerful enemies in the States to oppose any of the measures of the Government? The State bank system is older than the Constitution. It has become deeply rooted. Immense interests are involved in the banks organized all over the country under the protection and guarantee of State Sovereignty. Individuals have, in good faith, paid in their money to establish those banks. Vast interests are involved in various ways. They are intimately interwoven with the commerce and business of the country. In the State of New-York alone over $19,000,000 of stocks and bonds, many of which have been purchased from the State at a large premium, constitute the security for the redemption of their circulating notes. The State of New-York has now the best banking system in the world. These banks are under watch more careful supervision, of a superintendent residing in their midst, than they would be under an officer residing as far off as Washington. The State banks have been liberal in making loans to the Government in the hour of the nation's greatest need, and their stockholders, directors and managers are mostly loyal and patriotic. Still further aid will be solicited and expected from the existing banks. Will it be wise to make demands upon them that are not made upon all other property? Any invidious discrimination against them, in the way of taxation, it seems to me, would be unjust.

It has been decided by the people that Congress shall not interfere directly with the subject of State banks. It is proposed to derive indirect revenue upon them by a heavy tax, and then we are obliged to ratify the introduction of banks authorized by State laws. The avowed object of this onerous tax is to do indirectly what the Courts decide cannot be done directly. Will this be right in principle? A sovereign State authorizes its citizens to organize banks, and, under proper restrictions, to issue bank-notes to circulate as money. It would be wrong in principle, and certainly contrary to the State sovereignty, for Congress to change or delete that such bank-notes shall not circulate as money. State bank-notes are taxed under State authority. The most of them pay two per cent., and all of them at least one-half of one per cent. per annum, on their entire capital, for State, county and city purposes. They are already taxed under the Internal Revenue law three per cent. on their profits, like all other corporations. Any greater tax would be an invidious discrimination against them, and a manifest attempt to do indirectly what cannot be done directly. And a manifest disregard of the rights of power granted to them by State authority. States claim the right to tax chartered banks under State laws upon the full amount of their capital stock. This is a valuable resource to the States, counties, and cities where they are located. In so far as banks are taxed within the states and places where they are located, it lessens the taxes on other property to the same amount. Any course of policy which should deprive the States of their power of taxation would be unjust. And if the United States Government has the right to coerce State banks to surrender their present chartered rights, and to organize anew under United States law, and thereby become corporations, holding their corporate powers from the General Government, would they be subject to taxation under State laws? This raises a question which may bring on a conflict between State and United States laws, which should be avoided, if possible.

I am not opposed to a national bank, nor am I opposed to interfere with the State banks. Both systems of banking may be legitimate within their sphere of action. I am willing that the country should have both. I am willing they should go on part passu and in competition with each other; but I am unwilling to make war at this time on the State banks, because I do not believe that the benefits to be derived from such a course will sufficiently compensate for the evils that would follow any attempt to destroy the present State bank system.

Having shown that the proposed national bank bill is not only unjust in some of its provisions, but that it will not yield any considerable amount of money to meet the appropriations for the current and next fiscal year, the other question to be considered is:

RAISING MONEY BY LOANS.

2. Can the money be obtained by loans? It will be recollected that the amount to be provided for, over and above the sums to be realized from duties on imports and internal revenue, exceeds the sum of $1,100,000,000. This is a large sum to be borrowed in the ensuing eighteen months. As I have before stated, over $2,000,000 will be required every day, Sundays included, between this and the first day of July next, to meet the expenditures. The receipts from loans and taxes during that time will not probably exceed the sum of $600,000 per day, leaving $1,400,000 to be obtained daily in some form by loan. Congress, by its legislation at the last session, has to a considerable extent, changed the standard of value for all business operations within the United States.

The *standard of value* fixed by Congress is legal tender Treasury notes, convertible at any time into United States specie-paying bonds, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly in coin, based upon adequate taxation upon the entire property of the country. Legal tender notes constitute the national currency now established by law. All exchanges of property, all contracts, and all loans, are based upon the value of legal tender notes and United States 6 per cent bonds. The law of Congress declares that these notes shall be *lawful money*, and a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private.

The Secretary states in his annual report that previous to the 1st of November, 1862,

"The coin had been practically demonetized and withdrawn from as a currency; the banks had suspended specie payments; . . . That on the suspension of specie payments, and the substitution for coin of United States notes, convertible into six per cent. specie-paying bonds, as the legal standard of value, gold became an article of merchandise, subject to the ordinary fluctuations of supply and demand, and to the extraordinary fluctuations of mere speculation."

Gold does not circulate at all as currency, and there is no probability that it will circulate as money for several years to come—certainly not during the progress of this gigantic war to put down the rebellion. This is to be regretted, but it cannot be avoided. The war itself is greatly to be deplored, but it cannot be avoided. We have the monster rebellion by the throat, and the Government must hold its ferocious wolf—if we let go, he will destroy us; we must therefore hold on till we subdue him. No compromise can be made. The rebels will not negotiate on any basis except that of separation and an acknowledgment of their independence. The war, therefore, must go on. While the war lasts the magnitude of the expenses will be so great that there is not coin enough in the country to carry it on with gold and silver. It cannot be obtained. We must try to mitigate, so far as we can, the evils arising out of the necessity of making legal tender notes the standard of value.

You cannot dispose of your twenty year six per cent. bonds for gold without submitting to a loss of over thirty cents on every dollar; in other words for every dollar of bonds issued you can only get seventy cents in gold. Even if you should be willing to submit to this sacrifice, it is not possible that you could negotiate $25,000,000 of bonds for gold before you would be obliged to submit to a sacrifice of fifty cents on every dollar sold. Not because your bonds are not good dollar for dollar as gold, but because the whole amount of gold in the country that could be had for circulation does not probably exceed $200,000,000. Not a sufficient sum to carry on the immense operations of the people and the Government at this time. If it could all be brought out and put into circulation—a thing wholly impracticable at this time. No one at all acquainted with monetary affairs believes that we can make sale of any considerable amount of our six per cent. bonds at over fifty cents on the dollar for gold—a sacrifice too great for this House to seriously consider, if any other mode can be devised which is practicable. It is believed to be practically impossible to negotiate your bonds for gold without too great a sacrifice. If you cannot negotiate them for specie, will it be wise to change the independent Treasury law so as to allow loans to be negotiated for notes of suspended banks? There was a general suspension of specie payments by the banks and the Government on the 31st of December, 1861. In February following, Congress passed the law for the issue of legal tender notes, and authorized the Secretary to make loans, and receive these notes in payment; but the Government has not authority to take suspended bank-notes in payment for loans or any other dues to the Government. I do not think it wise to adopt that policy at this time. The question then arises, can you sell bonds enough every day and get your pay for them in legal tender notes already issued? It is perfectly apparent to all who are acquainted with the money market that this cannot be done. Currency has been scarce all the time for the last eight months, and is now very difficult to be obtained in sufficient quantity to meet the business wants of the country. In many places through the interior of the States, bankers and business men have been obliged to pay as high as one-quarter and one-half per cent. premium to get currency (bank bills and greenbacks) to carry on ordinary business operations.

It is well known that all the New-England and New-York country banks redeem their bills now at the Suffolk Bank, Boston, and the Metropolitan Bank, New-York, precisely as they did before the suspension of specie payments. This system checks any tendency to over-issue, and is a tolerable one by which to test daily the demand for bank bills. If they are not needed for legitimate business, they flow in rapidly to the redeeming banks, but if they are wanted they stay out. This test is unerring. The daily redemptions for months past, have not been half what they were when the volume of bank circulation was less by a third than it is at this time. What causes this scarcity of currency? In the first place, as before stated, gold and silver are no longer circulate as currency within the United States. Gold is only used to settle foreign balances, pay Custom duties and interest on the public debt. It is bought and sold for these purposes as a commodity, but it does not circulate as money in ordinary business operations. Its place is supplied by bank bills and legal tender notes. In the next place, the large increase of business suddenly created by such a gigantic war as we are now prosecuting has largely increased the demand for a larger volume of currency than was ever required before.

There has been a large demand for currency in the Western States, to purchase and bring forward the immense crops that have been produced during the last two years. The winding up of a large number of badly-organized and badly-managed banks in those States left a large vacuum to be filled by bills of solvent banks and legal tender notes. The Government has been buying largely, in all parts of the country, food, clothing and all manufactures of war, beside the large sums required for pay and bounty money of the volunteer soldiers that have gone forth from all the States. No doubt considerable amounts of this money still remain in the hands of the soldiers themselves and their families, practically withdrawn from circulation for the time being. Fifty, one hundred, and as high even as two hundred dollars, were paid for volunteers to fill up the two last calls made by the President. Fifty dollars paid to each soldier, to the number of 600,000, would require $30,000,000, to say nothing of the amounts required for the army previously sent into the field. It is perfectly plain where the currency has gone during the past six months. The operations of the army and navy alone have acquired, in all forms, not less than $200,000,000 in bank bills and legal tender notes. It is no wonder that currency has been scarce in all the ordinary channels of trade and business. It is still very scarce and difficult to be obtained for ordinary business purposes in New-York and all the Western States. I am assured by bankers and the best financiers in New-York, that if the Secretary should put on the market a proposal for a loan of $50,000,000 it could not be taken, for the reason that the legal tender notes could not be obtained in sufficient quantity to pay for a loan of that amount. It is doubtful whether a loan of $15,000,000 could be taken at this time for the want of currency to pay for it.

EXPEDIENCY AND POLICY OF ISSUING MORE LEGAL TENDER NOTES.

[illegible] very difficult for the collectors of [illegible] revenue to make collections on account of [illegible] legal tender [illegible] [illegible] Government, [illegible] who have claims upon the Government of the United States for legal tender notes [illegible] as the law contemplates by the business of the country. Instead of [illegible] for their pay, begging for it all the active creditors of the Government, surely Congress ought not to hesitate in an exigency like the present.

It is no time now to depress business operations, or hold back the pay due to honest creditors of the Government. It is much better to stimulate, make money plenty, make it easy for people to pay their taxes, and easy for Government to make loans. This is the only way in which we can grant in the present unprecedented condition of the country.

During the last year, with Great Britain, Jay Cooke, in letters written during that period, repeatedly urged upon the Government the propriety of issuing Treasury notes of convenient denominations to circulate as money. In his letters to Jesse W. Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, under dates of June 24 and Sept. 11, 1862, he urged upon Congress the importance of issuing Treasury notes whenever loans could not be made upon satisfactory terms. In one of his letters, bearing date Oct. 15, 1862, he says:

"I never did believe you could have gone beyond a first or second issue of legal tender notes, without impairing public faith, which is perfectly sound, not from a want of available funds in individuals. The circulating fund is the only one we can command with certainty. It is sufficient for all our wants; and the impossibility of depleting the country without its aid as a borrowing fund renders it indispensable that the Government should take and keep it in their own hands."

He admitted that the issue of Treasury notes would banish gold and silver from circulation, and in another letter stated:

"In such a nation there is one and only one resource for loans, sufficient to carry them through the expenses of a war; and that will always be sufficient, and, in the power of an honest Government, punctual in the preservation of its faith. The fund I mean is the *mass of circulating coin*. Every one knows that, although not literally, it is nearly true that every dollar of gold either emitted banishes a silver one from circulation.

"A million, therefore, making its purchases and payments with bank-notes, is equivalent to borrowing that sum; and yet the vendor receiving payment is as much an creditor to the State for his entire payment, as no claim to interest. And as the vendor may continue to issue its billets, the credit is reproductive, and the limits of the circulation will admit."

So it will be seen that Jay Cooke, so far from regarding it as an evil that coin should be banished from circulation during war, regarded it as a great advantage, because the Government would thus be able to circulate its own notes, without interest, in place of the coin of individuals. Treasury notes issued by the Government, he regarded as a loan from the people, without interest, and the only available resource in time of war.

He urged ample taxation as a basis for Government paper issues, and adds:

"That in the interval between war and war, all the outstanding paper should be called in, coin be permitted to flow in again, and hold the field of circulation undisturbed, and should require no yielding place again to the National medium."

An essential feature of the financial plan adopted last year was the passage of the tariff and internal revenue laws. It was of great consequence that our public debt should rest upon a solid foundation. The property of the country, liable to taxation, amounted in 1860 to over $16,000,000,000, and Congress having ample power to tax it to the full amount necessary to pay all Government debts, it was agreed by all parties that it was necessary to impose taxes upon this property, and the profits of business based thereon, to meet the interest on the Government debt, pay the ordinary expenses of the Government on a peace footing, and all the interest on the extraordinary war debt. The ordinary expenses of the Government in time of peace do not exceed $75,000,000, and the interest on the war debt will not probably exceed during the next year the sum of $50,000,000, while it is believed that the revenues derived from the tariff and internal revenue will not be less than $200,000,000, leaving $50,000,000 as a sinking fund to keep down the war debt. It is believed that the revenue realized on the present tariff and tax laws will pay ordinary current expenses of the Government, and interest on the war debt when it reaches $2,000,000,000, which is only half the present debt of Great Britain.

Congress must so shape its legislation as to incidentally aid all branches of productive industry, render the people prosperous, and enable them to pay taxes imposed for the ordinary expenses of the Government and interest on the extraordinary war debt incurred from day to day in support of the Army and navy. Notwithstanding the magnitude and exhausting nature of the war, the financial measures adopted last year have operated very beneficially upon the business of the country. The people have had a uniform currency, and have most abundantly prospered in all their business affairs. The taxes being imposed mainly on the current business of the people, they pay them from time to time without feeling that it is a burden, and leaving a large surplus at the end of the year. The people in the loyal States have been so prosperous in all things, and the taxes so easily paid from their profits, they hardly realize it their pecuniary affairs that we are engaged in such a mighty struggle to preserve the National Government and the National unity.

Upon a full examination of the whole subject, and with a deep solicitude for the success of the measures that may be finally adopted by Congress, I see no way in which the money can be raised to carry on the Government for the next eighteen months, except by a continuance of the measures adopted at the last session, and which have so successfully carried us through the perils of the last year, with such additions and modifications as experience has shown to be necessary.

An additional section has been proposed to the financial plan adopted last year. There is a large amount of available means in the country, which, if it can be drawn into the National Treasury, will be of most essential service at this time. It is proposed to the subject of such consideration as to the best form in which it could be offered to the people to induce them to lend the Government have the money for which they have no present use, and be allowed a fair compensation for its use during the time it is borrowed by the Government. *Interest-bearing Treasury notes are believed to be the best form in which it can be offered to the public.*

INTEREST-BEARING TREASURY NOTES.

Under the operation of this new section, these interest-bearing Treasury notes and the legal tender notes would be convertible and reconvertible into each other at the will of the holder; and as both can be paid out to the creditors of the Government, they will soon find their way into all the channels of business in all parts of the country. The interest-bearing notes will be laid aside, out of circulation, better than gold as an investment, because yielding a fair rate of interest; while the legal tender notes will continue to circulate as money. The object of this section is to reach the money invested in temporary loans, in all the cities, villages and towns throughout the country, and apply it to sustain the Government at this time. A large amount of money is now held by individuals and corporations, bearing a small rate of interest, or no interest at all, which is on deposit in banks or in private safes and chests, waiting for a good opportunity for permanent investment in the purchase of stocks, mortgages or other property. Forehanded farmers, mechanics, manufacturers, merchants, and even retired capitalists, would like some convenient mode of investing their surplus means at fair rates of interest, and with a certainty that when a good opportunity is presented to make some business transaction they can have legal tender notes returned to them to use as money. Notes issued at six per cent. interest, and in denominations of $20, $50, $100, $200, $500, $1,000, $2,000, and $5,000, would be in a convenient form for all classes; and at this rate of interest there is no doubt that large amounts would be drawn into the Treasury. Savings banks, trust companies, and other places of deposit, now overburdened with money, would, no doubt, have drawn from them considerable amounts for investment in these interest-bearing notes. Guardians, executors and trustees would largely invest their money in these Government securities. Insurance companies might invest in them, get six per cent. interest, and be sure, in cases of loss, to get legal tender notes with which to pay their outstanding policies. Even savings banks and trust companies might invest a part of their funds in these notes, and be able to respond when their depositors should call for their money. The operations under this section would be like deposits in banks, and it is very probable that $300,000,000 might be reached in a reasonable time. It would be, in fact, a National Savings Bank, so arranged that its benefits can be extended to all, while, at the same time, the Government would be able to realize a large amount of money, to aid in the prosecution of the war. Some would draw out their funds from time to time, as occasions should arise for business operations, while others again would invest in new notes, issued under the authority to release them; and the average amount in the Treasury would be about the same from week to week. The average deposits in the banks in the City of New-York are about the same. Their weekly published statements show that there is no very great variation in the amount for weekly average.

My proposed plan for, in regard to interest-bearing Treasury notes has been based upon their character as the section was originally introduced by me. The section has undergone some changes since that time. Instead of six per cent. interest the rate has been changed to five per cent., so that the notes are to bear only 1.47 per cent. interest, per annum, being at the rate of one and one half cents a day on each one hundred dollars, but are not convertible into legal-tender notes at the will of the holder as I devised. I have not deemed this change as any improvement to the section, and have only acquiesced in it, for the sake of unity of action in regard to other important sections of the bill. The section as it now stands, and as I at first introduced it, authorizes the Secretary to pay *these notes to all creditors of the Government who are willing to receive them in payment of debts, and they are made a legal tender for internal taxes, and all dues to the Government, except customs*, and may, at any time, with the accrued interest, be exchanged for twenty years six per cent. bonds. I do not object to the rate of interest now agreed upon, but the clause making them a legal tender struck out which I regarded as giving them much more vitality, namely, their convertibility at any time into legal tender notes, has rendered them less desirable. They may possibly fall below par, [illegible] are paid out in their present shape, and it is not probable that as large an amount can be kept out as if that clause had been retained in the bill. I was in favor of giving to them the highest legal sanction, and the most desirable character possible [illegible] power of the Government, not above [illegible] interest, in order to prevent their depreciation. It would have cost us little to have given [illegible] desirable character of [illegible] I strongly urged its adoption [illegible] principle that I urged the [illegible] The more desirable the [illegible] would stay out, and the further [illegible] the market. I trust, however, [illegible] hope they will be sought after, and [illegible] to the people in the payment of internal revenue, and materially assist the Secretary in the arduous duties of furnishing the means for a vigorous prosecution of the war.

LEGAL TENDER NOTES.

In nearly all the plans that have been submitted to the Committee for providing means to carry on the Government for the next eighteen months, it has been proposed to issue more legal tender notes, if the expansion of the service shall render a further issue necessary. The Secretary of the Treasury, in submitting the bill proposed by him for a loan of $500,000,000, says: "The Committee will observe that the provision in respect to loans is very general. Under it the Secretary will have the power to borrow money in any of the ordinary forms, or, if exigencies require, to make additional issues of United States notes." I have no scruples to any considerable further issue of legal tender notes, and can only consent to it as we thus prefer to any other expedient. I think the large issues will tend to inflate prices; *but I do not see how it can be avoided.* I do not see how the soldiers are to be paid, or how the Government can be carried on in any other way. I shall, therefore, vote for this provision, in connection with the other provisions of the bill, as a necessary measure to enable the Government to prosecute the war.

HOW THE WAR CAN BE ENDED.

Sir, since the first gun was fired on Fort Sumter, my constituents have been clamorous in asking that this war should be a long, expensive, bloody and desperate civil war, and that it would be very difficult to determine in advance what results would flow from such a deadly conflict.

I never for a moment doubted that the leading conspirators meant to establish and maintain a separate Government, and a total separation from the Free States. This has been their deliberate purpose from the beginning. Nearly two years of concerted action, embittered by the most deadly conflict with the armed power of this Government, has consolidated their strength. They have organized a form of civil government, under a Constitution, with JEFFERSON DAVIS as President for six years, who is aided by a Cabinet, Congress, Judiciary, and all other officers necessary to keep it in full operation. This rebel Government has organized and maintained a powerful army, which has been able thus far to repulse every attempt that has been made on our part to take their capital, distant only 125 miles from where we are now sitting.

Sir, I never have believed, and do not now believe, that the rebel at Richmond, the only responsible power to which any overtures of peace can be made, will listen to any terms of compromise, however liberal, which will induce them to throw up their present *de facto* Government, come back into the Union, and submit to the constitutional Government presided over by ABRAHAM LINCOLN, or any other President (but one to be elected by the legal people of the United States). JEFFERSON DAVIS, and all the high officers about him, are men of high political aspirations. Incordinate ambition and a desire to rule were the chief motives that prompted them to rebel against the Constitution and Government they had sworn to support. Those who suppose that Mr. DAVIS and his co-conspirators will voluntarily negotiate to surrender the power they now hold, have humble appreciation of the motives that stimulate them to so desperate and determined action. These desperate men are in for power, for empire, and will neither compromise or surrender, unless they are compelled to do so at the point of the bayonet, pressed on by overwhelming and crushing force. They must be whipped, badly whipped, before they compromise or surrender. Any expectation to the contrary is not only fallacious, but mischievous in its consequences, because it divides and weakens the people in the loyal States, and prolongs the war.

I have no expectation that this rebellion will be crushed, *unless there is a more united and a more determined effort on the part of the people in the Northern States.* The great fact to be ascertained by all doubting men is, will JEFFERSON DAVIS compromise on any terms short of a separation? Will he voluntarily surrender the power he now holds? Will he receive any proposals for peace except on the terms of dividing the old Union, according to the tradition of his Government over the Southern half? This ought to be known at once to all men that desire to compromise. If no compromise can be made with the rebel Government short of dissolving the Union, it should be known at the earliest moment possible, so that all doubters and cavillers may decide immediately what they will do. The daily expenses of the war are enormous. The public debt is running up at a fearful rate. This war ought not to be procrastinated by divisions at home. This state of things cannot be continued for any considerable length of time without entailing a public debt that will burden present and future generations. The best blood of the nation flows freely. Large numbers are killed in battle, but more die from exposure and disease than in any other way. All this blood and treasure has been freely given to crush the rebellion and maintain the Union. Why have we not been more successful? It is because we need more earnestness, *greater determination, better discipline and closer unity of action.* Unless these can be had, I have very little hope of crushing the rebellion. The only way to secure permanent peace is, first of all, to annihilate the rebel armies. The army between Washington and Richmond must be beaten. The power of the rebel Government is in their army.

If they can maintain their military strength, their Government will be perpetuated. If we cannot achieve decisive victories over the rebel army, all is lost. The people, our Commanding Generals, Congress and the President, must all rouse up to the magnitude and perils of the crisis, and by unity of action, put forth an earnest and determined effort to crush the rebel armies. No compromise can be made. Our only hope is in military success. This is the only way in which we can speedily maintain our finances and rest

[illegible] at this [illegible] in the United States, but Mr Guthrie of Society (N. Y. 1862,) preceded by several years any other school teacher and author, Mr Guthrie, also, text books on chemistry and philosophy for the use of schools.

As a man, as well as a scholar, he was highly esteemed by the whole community, in the midst of which, for many years, he has been a diligent, efficient and useful worker.

Weekly Report of Deaths in the City and County of New-York.

From the 7th day of Jan. to the 12th day of Jan. 1863: Men, 68; Women, 59: Boys, 18: Girls, 18.....Total, 163. Adults, 128; Children, 35: Males, 109; Females, 54.

Colored Persons, 4.

DISEASES, &c. [illegible]

Alcoholism	4	Premature birth	5
Bones, joints, &c.	6	Stomach, bowels, and digestive organs	22
Brain and nerves	20	Uncertain seat, and general fevers	29
Generative organs	4	Unknown	1
Heart and blood vessels	15	Urinary organs	1
Lungs, throat, &c.	13	Violence, accidents, &c.	11
Old age	5		
Skin, &c., and eruptive fevers	2		
Total			163

The number of deaths, compared with the corresponding week of 1861 and of last week, was as follows:

Week ending Jan. 12, 1863.....270—Inc. 62
Week ending Jan. 5, 1862—
From acute diseases.....199
From chronic diseases.....101
From external causes, &c.....20—320
Week ending Jan. 13, 1861—
From acute diseases.....259
From chronic diseases.....165
From external causes, &c.....25—449
Increase this week.....113

Bureau of Sanitary Inspection.

The following is a schedule of the work of the Bureau of Sanitary Inspection in the abatement of nuisances, &c., for the week ending Jan. 10, 1863:

Complaints of nuisances, &c., received	42
Complaints for which no cause existed	6
Notices for abatement served	20
Abatements of nuisances under notice	20
Sinks and water-closets cleaned	26
No. of loads of night-soil removed from the City limits	620
No. of dead horses removed from the City limits	24
No. of dead cows removed from the City limits	8
No. of dead goats removed from the City limits	1
No. of dead hogs removed from the City limits	301
No. of dead dogs and other small animals removed from the City limits	214
No. of barrels of offal removed from the City limits	1,700

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

MEETING OF THE MARINE SOCIETY OF NEW-YORK.—The annual meeting of the New-York Marine Society was held on Monday evening, at the United States Hotel, Fulton-street, Capt. MARSHALL, the President of the Society, in the chair. After the reading of the minutes for the year 1862, the Secretary, Capt. JOSEPH TIERNAN, read his report for the past year, in which it was shown that the funds of the Society amounted to $61,744 64, which is invested in bonds and mortgages on real estate in this City and Brooklyn, bearing interest at 7 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. The widows now receiving pensions from the funds of the Society number 56, viz.: 23 on the highest grade, 13 on the second grade, and 19 on the lowest grade, receiving respectively $90, $80 and $70 per annum—making a grand total of $4,240, payable semi-annually in advance. By the Treasurer's report it was shown that the receipts during the year amounted to $6,365 25, and the disbursements for pensions and donations $5,602 44. A ballot for the election of officers for the current year was then taken, which resulted as follows: President, C. H. Marshall; First Vice-President, J. M. Ferrier; Second Vice-President, Thomas Dunham; Secretary, Joseph Tinkham; Treasurer, James Copland; Attorney and Counselor, Daniel Lord. After a few remarks from Capt. MARSHALL, congratulating the members of the Society upon its prosperity, and thanking them for the honor done him by his reelection, the various officers for the ensuing year were sworn into power, some business of a routine nature was transacted, and the meeting adjourned till the second Monday in April.

APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVALS.—Comptroller BARNARD on Monday made the following changes of officers: William McKinney and Thomas Maloney, appointed Manure Inspectors; Simon W. Manwaring, appointed fifth Clerk in the Bureau of Arrears, *vice* C. D. Bridge; Augustus Purdy, (late Deputy Street Commissioner,) appointed Clerk of Arrears, *vice* P. H. Kingsland. Mr. Purdy formerly held the position under Mr. Flagg; the salary is $2,000. James F. Meany, appointed temporary Clerk in the office of the Receiver of Taxes, *vice* J. M. Phyfe; Frederick T. Goggin, appointed to same duty, *vice* Stephen A. Clark; Frederick Miller, same, *vice* Henry L. Lounsberry; Oliver P. Grey, same, *vice* David Blumhouse; Thos. J. Hinch, appointed third Clerk in Bureau of Arrears, *vice* Cornelius H. Whittaker; John M. Fox, appointed fifth Clerk in Receiver of Taxes, *vice* John S. Vredenburgh; S. B. Williams, appointed book-keeper, *vice* D. P. Smith; John Mullaly, appointed Messenger in the Bureau of Arrears, *vice* D. E. Hill; Bartholomew Ward, appointed General Clerk in the Auditing Bureau, *vice* Allan Cooper; Edward D. McCabe, appointed General Clerk in the Bureau of City Revenue, *vice* M. Friedman; William Donney, appointed Clerk to the Assistant Treasurer of the Relief Fund in the Fourth Senatorial District, *vice* C. H. Smith; James O. Van Orden, same in the Sixth District, *vice* —— Trotter; John Ludlow, appointed Assistant Treasurer in the Fifth District, *vice* William Trusloe; Thomas Conner, appointed Deputy Collector of City Revenue, *vice* M. C. Fordham.

SUICIDE OF A PHYSICIAN BY POISON.—Coroner WILDEY was, on Monday, called to hold an inquest upon the body of Dr. HAMILTON H. MEARS, of No. 113 Forsyth-street, who was found to have come to his death by poison administered by his own hand. From the evidence adduced upon the inquest, it appears that sometime during the day of Friday last, the chambermaid went to the Doctor's room, and finding the door ajar, and seeing his clothes hanging across a chair, concluded that the occupant was asleep. She said nothing to the landlady upon the subject, however, until the next day, when a peculiar odor was observed issuing from the room in question. A gentleman was called upon to go to the room, and ascertain the cause, when it was found that the Doctor was dead upon his bed, and the body had already begun to decompose. Dr. BOGERT, of the Coroner's office, made a post-mortem examination of the body, and gave it as his opinion that death was produced by narcotic poison, probably morphine. The deceased was recently connected with the Soldiers' Hospital at the Central Park. He was a member of a Baptist Church in this City, and, so far as is known, he was in good and regular standing among his brethren. No cause whatever is assigned for the commission of the deed. He was about 30 years of age.

THE NEW MURDER LAW.—The case of JAMES SHEPPARD, released last week from the City Prison, presents one of the most curious cases of the law's uncertainty hitherto recorded in the criminal annals of New-York City. SHEPPARD was arrested five years and four months ago, charged with arson in the first degree, in setting fire to his shanty in Fifty-ninth-street and burning his wife to death. He was placed on trial, convicted, and sentenced to be hanged. His counsel took the case up on appeal, and the Court of last resort granted the prisoner a new trial. On the second trial, the Jury, after being out two days, disagreed. A third trial was then had, and the prisoner was again convicted of arson in the first degree. In the meantime the law had been changed, and what was before the death penalty, was now commuted to imprisonment for life. The prisoner's counsel took the case on appeal, and on similar grounds to that expressed in the case of Mrs. HASKINS, the prisoner was unconstitutionally released. So that the death penalty is not only abolished for future murderers, but even in the case of a man twice convicted, the new law serves as effectually as a verdict of acquittal.

OFF FOR WASHINGTON AND FREDERICKSBURG.—The Joint Committee of the Common Council, appointed to recover the body of Adjt. LIEF, of the Fifty-second Regiment New-York Volunteers, and of which Alderman BOOLE is the Chairman, left the City on their mission at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They were accompanied by the Joint Committee (of which President WALSH, of the Board of Aldermen, is Chairman) appointed to present to Brig.-Gen. CORCORAN the magnificent sword procured for him by the City. Adjt. LEIF's body is buried on the opposite bank of the Rappahannock, under a large oak tree. The spot was selected for the purpose by the officers of the regiment to which the deceased was attached. He was much endeared to the corps, and they honored his burial with a full turnout of their numbers. The body probably will have to be recovered under a flag of truce.

THE CROTON AQUEDUCT REPORT.—The annual report of this Board for the past year, which has been delayed by the illness of the engineers, has at last been sent to the Common Council. It shows that the receipts from water rents and penalties amount to $783,224 60; for permits for taps and water-plugs $2,355 25; from permits for connections with sewers, $13,193; permits to construct vaults, $6,816 01. There are now laid in the city altogether two hundred and eighty-five miles of pipe, and $82,050 03 were expended for the purchase and laying of pipe, and for repairs during the year. The report gives much minute information regarding the expenses and receipts of the various pleasure grounds and departments.

EXPRESS EXPLOSIVE.—We mention elsewhere an attack in Jersey City, a few evenings ago, on a freight train of cars, all painted in large letters "Adams Express Company." On making inquiry as to the object, we were informed that arrangements had been perfected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Camden and Amboy Company to run the Adams Express Company cars over their road, landing them at the Washington-street wharf in Philadelphia, and running the same cars through to Baltimore or Washington and Pittsburgh, without breaking bulk in Philadelphia, as heretofore. This is a capital arrangement, and one that will give great satisfaction to the merchants in those cities, as it gets rid of the handling and reshipment of freight in Philadelphia. In addition to their usual facilities, the Express Company have placed on the route between New-York, Newburn and Fort Royal a couple of new steamships for the transportation of soldiers' baggage and Government freights to those places.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.—JOHN YATES, a middle-aged man, formerly in the employ of Messrs. Evans & Co., doing business at No. 179 Front-street, was arrested by Officer MARES, of the Tombs Police Court, on a warrant issued by Justice CORNELIUS, charging him with embezzlement. The accused was discharged from the service of the complainants on the 22d day of October last, since which, they claim to have learned that during the months of June, July, August, September and October, YATES collected of their customers $2,189 06, and feloniously appropriated the same to his own use. It is further alleged, that the prisoner has confessed to embezzling $1,500 belonging to the firm, $400 of which he remitted to a friend in England. YATES was committed by Justice CORNELIUS for examination.

THE EXPRESS COMPANIES.—It was asserted in several of the journals, some days ago, that the Government had forbidden the Express Companies to forward packages of clothing, &c., to soldiers in the field, from their friends, and in pursuance of this order Adams Express Company declined to receive any packages for some days. We are informed, on inquiry, that the Adams and Harnden Express Companies have received permission to resume operations, and that they are receiving and forwarding, daily, packages for the army to all points. The Adams Express Company advertise that they will send a special express out to Gen. BURNSIDE's army at once.

THE NEW SUB-TREASURY.—The alterations of the old Custom-house for the occupancy of the Sub-Treasury are being rapidly completed. The two ponderous safes, which are to be one of the principal features, will surpass anything of the kind heretofore known, and will, it is hoped, be fully capable of holding safely the average of $25,000,000 of money, and $100,000,000 of securities, which they will be required to hold. Some portions of the new building may be used soon, but it will be at least until April next before all the improvements can be affected.

THE ALLEGED POISONERS COMMITTED.—JOHN M. GRIFFIN, First Mate, and THOMAS LEE, Steward, of the bark *Betsy Williams*, who are charged with poisoning two successive Captains of that vessel while she lay at Remedios, Cuba, had a preliminary examination before Commissioner OSBORN yesterday. Wm. F. Howe, Esq., appeared as counsel for GRIFFIN, and JAMES H. FAY, Assistant United States District Attorney, for the people. Several of the sailors of the *Betsy Williams* were examined as to reference to the circumstances attending the death of Capts. Hoes and BUNCE, and at the close of the examination the prisoners were committed to await the action of the Grand Jury.

FIFTH WARD REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of this Association, held on Monday evening, the following officers were chosen for the year 1863:

President—Thomas Outwater.
Vice Presidents—First Election District, William H. Gilson; 2d, Henry Lounsberry; 3d, William Flack; 4th, Frederick M. Patrick; 5th, Michael Hynard; 6th, J. E. Wood; 7th, Thomas H. Sease; 8th, William Berrigan.
Recording Secretary—William A. Symes.
Corresponding Secretary—Andrew J. Moore.
Treasurer—James M. Tuthill.

CHILDREN FOR THE WEST.—Quite an interesting company of friends and homeless boys and girls left the office of the Children's Aid Society on Tuesday, under the parental care of Mr. H. FRIEDGEN, the agent of the Society. The children were all comfortably clothed, and rejoicing in the change that awaited them. Mr. FRIEDGEN is quite confident of finding good and Christian homes for this company, as he has done for so many hundreds of these poor and friendless ones before.

NEW TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—The American Telegraph Company have established a branch office in the Third-avenue Railroad Depôt, corner of Third-avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth-street, Harlem, for the accommodation of the citizens of this rapidly growing section of our City. The wires connect with all the intermediate offices in the City, and terminate at No. 145 Broadway.

THE SEVENTY-FIRST REGIMENT.—An election will be held this evening for Colonel of the Seventy-first Regiment National Guard, of the State of New-York, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Col. MARSH, who commanded the regiment during its two three months' terms in the United States service. The regiment was in the first battle of Bull Run, and was one of the organizations which retired from the field with credit.

LAUGHING GAS FOR THE BLIND.—Dr. COLTON will give his annual exhibition of laughing-gas, at the Cooper Institute, this evening.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—*Part I.*—Nos. 991, 993, 995, 997, 1003, 1009, 1015, 1019, 1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031, 1033, 1035, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047. *Part II.*—Nos. 980, 982, 984, 986, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024, 1026, 1028. *Part III.*—Nos. 692, 711, 551, 754, 756, 758, 763, 774, 749, 791, 785, 787, 753, 762, 784, 789, 776.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Nos.—Demurrer 17. Issues of Law and Fact—231, 236, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 295½, 296, 298, 299, 300, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.—*Part I.*—Nos. 2079, 2133, 1363, 1277, 1207, 853, 1065, 1247, 1837, 2341, 987, 2011, 1275. *Part II.*—Nos. 1218, 624, 2082, 1244, 802, 1257, 1260, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272, 1296, 1298.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.—*Part I.*—Nos. 607, 1044, 1045, 1051, 1054, 723, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 664, 730, 541½, 940. *Part II.*—Adjourned for the term.

Notes of Prize Decisions.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Before Judge Betts.

The United States vs. The Schooner Napoleon.—This vessel was captured by the naval forces acting in cooperation with the land forces at the capture of Newbern. The schooner was totally abandoned when taken possession of by the United States vessels. The evidence is from reports prevalent at the time and place, that rebel troops had been stationed on her until driven out by the United States forces, leaving her without any crew, papers or equipment, but with several pieces of artillery on board. The vessel was loaded with captured stores and sent to this port and libeled. Mr. D. G. Murray, a citizen, and resident of this State intervened and answered, setting up that he was always opposed to the rebellion, and gave no consent to the employment of the vessel by the rebels.

Held by the Court—That there having been a hostile seizure of this vessel in enemy waters by United States vessels, she must be deemed prize, unless some fact constituting her legal exemption from seizure be established. If she was taken by the property of the claimant and he was compelled to be held on employed by the enemy, claimant may relieve her from condemnation as prize, unless she was taken out of his possession and held by the enemy in duress or at least in fraud of his rights.

That whether a vessel is chartered, loaned or otherwise allowed to be employed by the subjects of a nation at war, Prize Courts will treat her as enemy property equally as if full ownership had vested in the enemy. The external symbol of being employed by the enemy for purposes connected with operations of war, [illegible] from sharing in the hostile character. (4 Ch. Rob., Bernon, 31; 1 Wheat., Rose, 272; 1 Gal., Ann La Roche, 1; Hudson, 1 Gal., 379; 1 Wheat., Ann, 7; 1 Gal., Ann La Roche, 1; 1 Gal., Ann La Roche, 1; 1 Gal., Ann La Roche, 1

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14, 1863.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WINTER GARDEN—THE CHIMNEY CORNER—THE FOREST SPY.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—PRIDE OF THE MARKET.

WALLACK'S—FAMILIES.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE—(No. 659 Broadway) BURGESS'S GERMANIANS.

COOPER'S GALLERY—(No. 172 Broadway.) CHURCH'S NEW PICTURE, UNDER NIAGARA.

BIELO'S GARDEN—FAIRY AND MAGICIANS.

BROADWAY MENAGERIE—COMPLETE SCHOOL OF NATURAL HISTORY.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—MISS LAVINIA WARREN, the Queen of Beauty, Gem, Nurse, &c., at all hours—COL. ABNER HAWES afternoon and evening.

BROOKLYN ARENA—CLASSIC AND MODERN GYMNASTICS.

CLINTON HALL—ELECTRO PSYCHOLOGY.

DODSWORTH'S HALL—READINGS FROM SHERIDAN KNOWLES, BY MRS. EMMA RODERICK.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Our telegraphic correspondent at Nashville sends us information of an extremely important character. The rebel Generals CHEATHAM and McCOOK are said to be at Shelbyville with their divisions, and expecting to be reinforced by LONGSTREET and his corps from the Richmond army, numbering thirty thousand men. It will be remembered that we have had several reports from Fredericksburgh that the rebel army, or a portion of it, was apparently leaving the line of the Rappahannock and going in the direction of Richmond, and it is possible that this transfer of LONGSTREET's Corps to strengthen BRAGG's Army has been made, as the line of railroad communication through North and South Carolina and Alabama is still open. It would appear, in this case, that another desperate effort to defeat the National army under Gen. ROSECRANS is to be made, even at the risk of weakening the rebel army under LEE, which disputes Gen. BURNSIDE's way to Richmond. Our correspondent states, also, that four thousand rebels, with two full batteries of artillery, under FORREST, WHEELER and STEARNS, have marched toward Charlotte, forty miles west of Nashville, with the view of destroying the transports in the Cumberland River with supplies for Gen. ROSECRANS' army. Eight regiments of our troops—four cavalry and four infantry—have, however, been sent in pursuit. One of our transports, loaded with Commissary and Quartermasters' stores, has already been captured and destroyed. It is reported, also, that the guerrilla MORGAN is again in Kentucky, meditating damage to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. With the Cumberland properly patrolled by gunboats, however, Gen. ROSECRANS cannot suffer for supplies.

We learn from Newbern that troops are now pouring into Gen. FOSTER's Department at a very rapid rate, and that important movements are pending. This verifies the reports which have lately reached us from the rebels.

A letter to the Philadelphia *Press*, dated at Fortress Monroe, Jan. 12, states that the rebels suffered greatly in consequence of the destruction of the bridges about Goldsboro by Gen. FOSTER, and that the repairs were effected by a large force of negroes working under the protection of Gen. EVARTS. Gen. FRENCH's Division, formerly at Petersburgh, has moved to Raleigh. A portion of LEE's army has been withdrawn from the Rappahannock to Richmond, and is said to be ready to march to different points in North Carolina for its defence. Gen. FOSTER has been very heavily reinforced during the past two weeks, and is moving to the interior again. He is determined to keep the railroad communication between Richmond and the Gulf States severed. The large fleet now in rendezvous at Fortress Monroe, it is generally conceded, is designed to cooperate with an expedition for the capture of Wilmington, the terminus of three important railroads. It is rumored at Newbern that an attack is to be made on Charleston soon. Gen. MAGILL'S entire Division, with many other troops, have arrived safely at Newbern, and are ready for action. Reinforcements are constantly landing at Newbern and Beaufort.

On learning of the loss of artillery in Gen. ROSECRANS' army during the late battle, Gov. MORTON, of Indiana, immediately dispatched two batteries of three-inch guns, flying artillery, to Gen. ROSECRANS, to be used in pursuit of BRAGG. They arrived at Nashville on Monday night.

Secretary CHASE has informed the House, in answer to a resolution of inquiry, that the soldiers have not been paid because he is not authorized to raise the proposed loan by practicable means under existing laws; and that the 5.20 bonds have not been sold, because they could not be sold under the restrictions imposed by Congress. The arrears of army pay now amounts to treble the sum he can raise under existing laws. He gives the Government receipts from all sources, including customs, since the 1st of July, as $325,000,000, which to the different departments of the army alone in that time has been paid the sum of $242,761,771 99.

Gen. BUTLER visited Boston yesterday, made a speech in Faneuil Hall, and returned to Lowell last night in a special train. His reception by the Bostonians was very enthusiastic.

The New-Jersey Legislature met and organized yesterday, and the Governor's Message will be delivered to-day. A series of peace resolutions were offered in the Senate, similar to those recently introduced by Mr. BROOKS, in a Democratic meeting in this City. They propose an armistice of six months, at once, whether the rebels want it or not, of course, and a National Convention to arrange all difficulties. The resolutions were made the special order for the 22d inst.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a petition from the chiefs of the Wyandotte Indians, asking for reimbursement for losses inflicted upon them by the rebels, was presented. The petition of WILLIAM CHARLES JEWETT, for mediation by Switzerland, was reported back from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, with a recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to. Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, introduced his bill for the consolidation of regiments in the field. The President was called upon for the correspondence between the State Department and the British Government relative to the capture of British vessels sailing from one port to an other, having on board articles contraband of war, intended for the use of the rebels. The President was also called upon for the correspondence with the Western Minister at Washington, relative to the expulsion of contraband [illegible] The death of Mr. PEARCE, of Maryland, was then announced, and, after the customary proceedings, the Senate adjourned.

In the House, the Special Committee on the proposed new post and military road between New-York and Washington was announced by the Speaker. The bill to provide ways and means for the support of the Government was then considered in Committee of the Whole until the announcement of the death of Senator PEARCE, of Maryland, when the House adjourned, after the deceased had been eulogized by a number of gentlemen.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, notice was given of a bill to divide Steuben County into three counties; also, of a bill to prevent the use of public moneys, by public officers, and by a bill to amend the criminal laws by providing that criminals can earn a commutation of their sentence, and that a certain amount shall be paid them on their discharge.

In the Assembly, the sixty-sixth ballot was reached without the election of a Speaker, when an adjournment was carried.

GENERAL NEWS.

The steamship *Java* arrived at Portland yesterday, and some additional news is telegraphed, including a summary of the intelligence put on board the steamship *City of Baltimore*, which left Liverpool on the 21st ult., and which has not yet arrived. Late advices from Japan show that that country is in a state of revolution, and that important reforms are being inaugurated which will be of much advantage to foreigners. The steamer *Sumter*, formerly the rebel pirate, had been sold at auction at Gibraltar for $19,500, and is to be engaged in the Liverpool and Mediterranean trade. The English papers indulged in extended comments on the Fredericksburgh disaster. The French Financial Minister had made a statement showing that the Government deficit for the year was 25,000,000 francs—the Mexican expenses being stated at 23,000,000 francs. O'DONNELL had made a speech on Mexican affairs in the Spanish Senate, which had created considerable excitement. He characterized the claims of France as excessive, and said the real cause of rupture between France and Spain was ALMONTE, who deceived France. A plot for a rising in Poland in January had been discovered.

Last evening Hon. S. S. COX, of Ohio, delivered an address at the Democratic Union Association, No. 932 Broadway, on "Puritanism in Politics." The whole was a violent attack upon the people and policy of New-England.

The Board of Supervisors, yesterday increased the salary of the District-Attorney of the County from $5,000 to $7,000 per annum, and of his two assistants from $2,500 to $3,500 per annum, besides allowing him an extra clerk, at a salary of $1,200. The last quarterly report of Comptroller HAWS was submitted, showing the appropriations of the quarter to have been $5,059,358 92, and the expenditures $4,858,267 92.

The cargo of the prize steamer *Caroline* was sold at Philadelphia on Monday. The cargo was of an assorted character, consisting of drugs, gunpowder, muskets, dry goods, calf-skins, stationery, &c. There was a very large attendance, and the bidding was quite animated. Among the articles sold were the following: 600 dozen spool cotton, 300 yards, at $3 90; 4 cases French calf-skins, $6 10 to $6 90; 44 cases muskets, each 20, $1 50 to $2 50 each; 5,000 cigars, 75c. per 1,000; 300 dozen quinine, $1 50; 11 cavalry officers' swords, $40 each; 1,503 reams straw paper, $27 per ream. One case, containing 11 boxes shot, 1,300 pounds; 8 boxes canister powder, 4 pounds; and 2,000 percussion caps, $99.

From the large number of carpenters engaged in preparing timber for the new iron-clad frigate at the Philadelphia Navy-yard, it is expected that the frame will be raised within the next two weeks. A large quantity of fine timber is being received in the yard now, but all of it is green and has to be used in that state. The double-bowed steamer *Tacony* will be launched in a couple of weeks. A large number of 15-inch shells have been received in the yard within the past week or two.

A letter written on board the *Nahant* (iron-clad,) after her arrival at this port from Boston, states that she is too heavy for a sea boat, but that no inconvenience was experienced during her voyage, because no rough weather was encountered.

The Baltimore *Sun* says it is understood that Gen. SCHENCK has requested the Secretary of War to transfer Gen. DURYEA to that Department, and that the request has been granted. Gen. DURYEA will have command of all the troops stationed in Baltimore, always being under orders of Gen. SCHENCK.

The McKinstry Court-Martial adjourned on Friday. The defendant made a rejoinder to the Judge-Advocate's summing up of the preceding day, after which the Court was closed for deliberation and decision in the matter, the evidence, pleas and papers being all in on both sides. The long protracted trial is therefore at an end.

Several of the gamblers who were taken before an Ohio Court, on a writ of *habeas corpus*, were taken to Cincinnati, on Thursday, by a military guard, President LINCOLN telegraphing to pay no attention to the writ of *habeas corpus*. They next day paid over the amount of money won by them from Cook. The probabilities are now that the Government will get back all the $230,000.

The One Hundred and Ninth Illinois Regiment mutinied at Holly Springs a few days ago, and the officer commanding the brigade was compelled to deprive the officers and men of their *swords and guns, and place them under arrest.*

The Stock Market was again largely speculative yesterday, with a more feverish confidence late in the day. Gold Coin 143¾; Exchange 158 per cent.

An active demand prevailed, yesterday, for Flour and Wheat, at advanced prices. Corn was rather dearer, but less freely dealt in. Groceries exhibited less animation. Provisions were in lively request, and Mess Pork was higher. Cotton, Hay, Lead, Spelter, Ingot Copper, Tallow, Clover Seed, Linseed, Chemicals, Petroleum, Wool and Whisky were more sought after, at firmer rates. Spices were unusually active. The Freight engagements were fair. Other branches of trade presented no really new feature.

The live stock trade has been brisk during the past week. Receipts of all kinds, with the single exception of calves, are larger than for the previous week, but prices have generally advanced. The short supply of the last week left a good demand, and all kinds have been well sold out. Beeves numbered 4,453, all of which found a ready market, at slightly improved rates, though the sales closed with less animation than they commenced. Some good droves of fat Kentucky and Illinois cattle averaged 9c. ℔ lb., net weight. A few extra fat steers brought 10c.@10¼c., but most of the sales were at 7½c.@8½c. The stock was of a better quality than for some time past, a large proportion being good enough for retail beef....Sheep and lambs are in moderate supply, though much plentier than one week ago. A decline of 25c. ℔ head is quoted, good lots averaging 100 lbs., live weight, bringing 6½c. ℔ lb.... Live hogs are selling as fast as they reach the City, at an advance of ¼c. ℔ lb. Heavy, fat, corn-fed hogs, are worth 4¾c.@5¼c. ℔ lb. live weight; light hogs, 4½c., and still-fed, 2½c.@4c.

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST IN PENNSYLVANIA.—The very excited contest for the Pennsylvania Senatorship, closed yesterday at Harrisburgh, as the contest at Springfield (Ill.) had closed the day previous, by the election of a Democratic Senator *vice* the sitting Republican member. Mr. BUCKALEW, the new Pennsylvania Senator, succeeds to the seat of Hon. DAVID WILMOT, and his opponent in the contest was Hon. SIMON CAMERON. The Democracy claimed a majority of one in the Legislature on joint ballot, but their candidate was finally elected by a majority of two. Mr. LAMBERT, a Republican member, [illegible] probably some danger, of a [illegible] at their election. Thousands of people had assembled at Harrisburgh from all parts of the State. The train from Philadelphia, on the day preceding the election, brought in nearly two thousand members of the different Democratic clubs in that city; and so high was the excitement, that the House, with but one dissenting voice, passed a resolution requiring the Sergeant-at-Arms to employ a sufficient force to preserve order in the hall during the balloting. The Democrats asserted that this popular demonstration was for the purpose of preventing any of their weak-kneed representatives voting for Mr. CAMERON.

The favorite Senatorial candidate of the extremists or semi-secessionists was FRANCIS W. HUGHES, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee during the late canvass in that State, who distinguished himself in his famous letter to Secretary SEWARD, to which the latter gentleman replied in such unequivocally patriotic terms. He was directly set aside for Mr. BUCKALEW. The member elect is a more moderate man, though during BUCHANAN'S administration he made himself notable as a Locompletonist in the Pennsylvania State Senate.

The Finances of the Country—The Bills Before Congress.

We publish this morning Mr. SEWARD'S speech on the public finances—the necessities of the Treasury, and the best mode of meeting them. No more important topic can engage public attention. The Government and the country are in a condition of extreme financial peril. An immense amount of money is wanted at once; and Congress must decide promptly how it shall be raised. It is of the utmost importance, also, that the decision should be wise as well as prompt.

There are only three ways in which the wants of the country, in this respect, can be supplied. Money, for the payment of the armies, the purchase of supplies, and the support of the Government in all departments, must be raised in one of these ways:

1. By *loan*—selling the bonds of the United States for what they will bring in the market:—

2. By *issuing paper*, which is simply the promise of the Government to pay at some future time:—or,

3. By creating *Banks* and authorizing them to issue notes on the basis of Government bonds as security for their redemption.

These three propositions are before Congress and the country. The Secretary of the Treasury prefers the last;—Mr. SPAULDING and the Committee of Ways and Means in the House prefer the second. No one advocates the first, simply, because in the present condition of affairs it is impracticable. If bonds are to be sold, they must be paid for in currency of some kind. They cannot be paid for in specie, for is there Government currency enough accessible in the country to pay for what is needed. Payment must be made in the notes of State banks, which rest on no adequate security, and which could not possibly be made the medium of Government transactions. The choice is really between the issue *of legal tender notes* and the *national banking* scheme of Secretary CHASE.

One point should be understood at the outset in this matter: no scheme can possibly be adopted or devised which shall be free from very serious objections. We are restricted to a choice of evils. Raising money on credit in any way is always open to very grave objections. Congress and the public should, therefore, dismiss from their minds all thought of devising any financial scheme against which a very strong argument cannot be made. All that can be done is to select that scheme which promises the greatest advantages in exchange for the fewest and the smallest injuries. It is perfectly natural that the advocates of any one project should conceal its bad features and exaggerate those of its rivals. Mr. SPAULDING sets forth, at length and with force, the objections to the Bank project of Mr. CHASE, but does not dwell upon the reasons which recommend it; *nor does he bring into any considerable prominence* the undoubted evils of relying solely on the issue of legal-tender notes.

We do not propose at present to enter upon any comparison of their merits. We desire simply to protest against the spirit in which the discussion is sometimes conducted, and to warn all concerned of the absolute necessity of waiving all personal feeling, all individual interests, all local pretentions, and all State pride and ambition, and of canvassing this subject with sole reference to the general good. Secretary CHASE has proposed his plan, not because it is faultless or free from objection, but because he deems it essential to the salvation of the country. He regards the further issue of Treasury notes to an extent sufficient to meet the emergency, as certain to involve a depreciation absolutely ruinous to our credit, to render impossible the collection of customs in gold and silver, and to plunge the Government into a bottomless abyss of expenditure, the only alternative to which is repudiation. He looks upon such a Bank as he proposes as furnishing a means of funding the Government debt, as supplying a currency of equal credit and value throughout the country, as providing money to meet the wants of the Government, and though last, not least, as *creating a bond of attachment to the central Government among the loyal States*, which may become absolutely essential to their continued union. His plan is national in its scope and in its spirit. It aims not only to aid the Government in crushing the rebellion, but to foster the *spirit* of union among the people. It is entitled, certainly, to the most candid and charitable consideration of every loyal man, and unless there are insuperable objections to it on national grounds, it ought to be adopted.

But how has it been met? The Democratic Party assail it with bitter vehemence, [illegible] mainly on account of [illegible] hard and powerful class reason, it because they have opposite interests to be affected by the inflation of the currency. And then the banking interests of the several States oppose it, because they fear they will lose something by its adoption. All these motives are natural, and within proper limits, may safely be indulged. But when they combine to override the interest of the whole country, and make the public credit and the salvation of the Union utterly subordinate to their personal or local aims, they furnish a sad and very discouraging proof of the lamentable lack of that public spirit which alone can rescue the country from the perils that surround it.

The Annual Report of our State Bank Superintendent, Mr. VAN DYCK, furnishes a very striking illustration of the temper to which we have referred. It breathes the very spirit of ultra State rights and secession. The idea which pervades it throughout is that the Banking Interest of New-York must be protected, whatever becomes of the General Government or of the Union. Everything that has been done by the Treasury Department and by Congress to meet the extraordinary financial demands of the crisis, is treated with a flippant ridicule, as unbecoming as it is unjust. Not a particle of sympathy with the General Government is evinced,—not the slightest disposition shown to aid its struggle for existence,—not a hint given as to the absolute necessity, at whatever sacrifice, of carrying the nation through this gigantic contest. On the contrary, the *right* of the State to exclude national corporations from its jurisdiction, is urged quite as strongly as Gov. SEYMOUR urges that the State should refuse to the General Government permission to make arrests within its borders. And the Superintendent closes with this very distinct and peremptory threat, which would have been much better suited to the latitude of South Carolina, or to the longitude of Gov. SEYMOUR'S message, than to the document in which it appears:

"*Whatever may be the action of Congress in the premises, I have full faith that the Legislature of New-York will protect its honor, and the interests of a common creditorship, with dignity and firmness.* Under the existing laws no association or person can issue, within this State, notes to circulate as money, without depositing the required securities in this Department. Without legislative instruction to the contrary, it will be my duty, during my continuance in office, *to enforce this provision against all associations or individuals claiming authority from any other source.* If occasion requires, I shall not hesitate to bring the question to the test of judicial decision, that we may learn authoritatively what powers over local institutions are still left to the States."

It is possible that Secretary CHASE'S plan may not be the best that can be devised. But we are quite certain that such a spirit as that to which we have referred, if permitted to control public sentiment and public action, will paralyze every effort of the Government to preserve its own existence, and to prevent the whole civil structure of the country from falling into utter and hopeless anarchy.

The Enlargement of the Erie Canal a National Necessity.

The commerce of the United States is a creation rather than a growth. It could not have had existence but for the provision made for it by the construction of artificial highways. The extent of such highways consequently exactly measure its volume, although the ratio of its increase is much greater than that of our public works. The railroads of New-York transport say 2,000 tons of merchandise to each mile of road; those of Massachusetts a still larger quantity. The tonnage of all the railroads in the country, or rather of those of the loyal States, is fully 1,250 tons to the mile. The aggregate mileage being 23,000 miles, the total tonnage will be 27,600, exempting, of course, such articles as coal. The value of merchandise at $100 the ton is fully $2,760,000.

But the condition of the existence of this vast commerce is of course our great water-lines. The relative cost of transporting merchandise on ordinary roads, railways and the ocean, is represented by the figures 100, 10 and 1. It costs $20 a ton for one hundred miles on an ordinary road; $2 on a railroad, and 20 cents on the ocean, for the same distance. *The cost on the great Lakes exceeds* that on the ocean, and in the Erie Canal that on the Lakes; but there is no doubt that on the average, freight can be brought from Chicago to New-York, for example, for less than one-half of what it can be transported between the same points by railroad. As a rule, consequently, the Lakes and Canal have a monopoly of the carriage of breadstuffs from the distant interior to tide-water. Indeed corn is never brought to market on railroads; nor is wheat all the way from the districts of its production. These products are first collected by railroads, on the shores of the Lakes, and transported thence by water to New-York, or to the eastern shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario, from which point the limited distance to be traversed allows the railroads to come into competition with the canal, but then only for the highest-priced and easily-handled kinds of freight.

The capacity of the great water lines, particularly that of the Erie Canal, consequently measures the volume of the internal commerce of the country. The one is the gauge of the other. It is the cheapness of transportation over the canal that gives a commercial value to the products of the interior. If it were closed the amount of its present business would measure, necessarily, the reduction in the volume of our commerce, both domestic and foreign. The railroads forming similar connections are already overburdened with their present traffic. If the amount offering were increased, charges would necessarily increase in the same ratio, until a point was reached which would preclude altogether the forwarding to market of the more bulky and low-priced products of the interior. Upon the canal, the cost of transportation between Buffalo and Albany does not exceed one cent per ton per mile; on a railroad it is fully two [illegible] the railroad running parallel with it. But this is not all. A vast saving is effected on the lakes and canal over railroads, in the manner in which freight is received and discharged. The boat is loaded in a few hours from the warehouses, and serves itself as a warehouse for its cargo, till this is discharged by machinery, for which, as in loading, a few hours only are required. Were it necessary to put on docks or in storehouses all the freight moved, the cost of transportation would be so vastly increased as to reduce the quantity to probably one-quarter the present amount.

The Canal and railroads are consequently complements of a vast system. Each is indispensable to the other. The railroads collect the products of our wide domain upon the shores of the great Lakes, whence they are borne by water to the consumer. For this system to work with entire harmony, the capacity of the canal should always exceed that of the works that purvey for it. But this capacity, in the experience of the past two years, has been so crowded as to produce the very state of things that we have described—in which cost of transportation is greater than the value of many articles after reaching tide-water. This is not a singular but a necessary result. The work of enlargement was only vigorously commenced in 1847. Its completion trebled the capacity of the canal. But within that period the commerce of the West has been created. In 1847 hardly a mile of railway existed in the Northwestern States. Now, there are nearly 12,000 miles, whose aggregate tonnage exceeds 12,000,000 tons—a tonnage exceeding three and one-half times the enlarged capacity of the canal. But the merchandise coming from the West in addition to that created by railroad, is ten-fold greater than it was in 1847. In other words, the productions of the interior, seeking market through this outlet, have increased in vastly greater ratio than all the provisions made for their transportation over it. With this enlargement, consequently, which has rendered the canal the grandest work of the kind in the world, we find ourselves in just the same predicament we were in when it was proposed; or, rather, in a still more embarrassing one, as the quantity of freight now offering in excess of its capacity is vastly greater than it was in 1847, while the means of increased production in the interior are five-fold greater than they were at the period named.

A new enlargement is thus imperatively called for at the very instant of the completion of the old. If we would increase our commerce, we must enlarge the means through which we receive it. The methods of creation for the future must be precisely those of the past. We can go on creating to almost any conceivable extent. We can estimate the value of such creations by that which has been already achieved. It is simply a question in the exact sciences. But we have this in our favor—that as we had to expend $50,000,000 to create what we already possess, we have now only to expend one-sixteenth this amount to add three-fold to the previous result.

The enlargement of the works will cost, say $8,500,000. It will treble the capacity of the work, and with it every benefit that has already flown from it. With such a proposition before the country—for the advantages conferred by this work are independent of all political lines—we do not think it will long hesitate to act, when the outlay is so trifling, and the gain so vast.

GEN. WOOL'S NEW DEPARTMENT—DESERTERS TO BE SHOT.—By General Order from the War Department, dated Jan. 8, the Military Department of the East was created, consisting of the New-England States and the State of New-York. The Headquarters are in this City. Gen. WOOL has been assigned to the command of this Department. He has arrived and entered upon his duties, as will be seen from a series of orders published in another column of the TIMES of to-day.

From an examination of these orders it will be found that the Government has determined to adopt the most thorough and energetic means for recovering and consolidating its military strength by remanding all officers and soldiers, absent with or without leave, back to the army for duty. Every officer in the New-England States and New-York, absent on leave, is ordered to report to Gen. WOOL, at once, by what authority he is absent from the army, and for how long a period. Every volunteer or enlisted man is ordered to report to the nearest commissioned officer the reason and authority of his absence.

This first order will be effectual for all officers and soldiers who are honestly absent from their posts. But a second order bears upon a class who are inflicting wrong and disgrace upon the nation, and a cruelty upon their faithful comrades in the field—the "deserters," who, in large numbers, as Gen. WOOL asserts, and as the country knows, are scattered throughout New-York and the New-England States. Gen. WOOL calls upon all officers and exports all good citizens to aid in returning "deserters" to their commands, by making known to these Headquarters the whereabouts of such deserters. These cowardly skulkers from camp and the field combine the character of swindler with deserter. They have obtained liberal bounties, been furnished with good clothes and arms—they have sworn to perform their military duty; and yet they have basely betrayed their country by deserting. They have left their more honest comrades to do double duty, and suffer double risks in the field, while they have sneaked away to squander the money and the property they have literally robbed from the Government. Gen. WOOL promises a most thorough scouring of the entire Department for the thousands of laggards and deserters scattered through it; and he warns citizens of the danger of secreting or conniving at the hiding or escaping of men guilty of a crime whose penalty is "death."

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The Financial Prospects of the Government.

The Report of Changes in the War Department.

General Butler and the Department of the South.

The Case of the Louisiana Congressmen.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES,

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, JAN. 13.

ENLARGING THE CANALS—THE FINANCES.

The bill for the enlargement of the Erie Canal locks gave way in the House to-day to the Finance bill, reported by the Committee of Ways and Means. After an elaborate speech from Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, in favor of the bill, an effort was made by Mr. SPAULDING, Chairman of the Committee, to put it on its passage. The House, however, followed the example of the Senate, and wasted the balance of the day by adjourning as an evidence of respect for the memory of the late Senator PEARCE, of Maryland.

It is evident that the financial dangers of the country are exciting much reflection and caution, and there is being developed a strong aversion to the expensive policy of Treasury-note issues to the extent deemed necessary to cover the present and prospective disbursements of the Government. Some of the best informed members of the House are entirely unable to determine whether the bill of the Committee will pass, while the prompt adoption by the Senate of Secretary CHASE'S bill for temporary aid, and the known views of its Finance Committee, have excited the belief that that body will sustain the Secretary in his views, as opposed to those of the House Committee. Should the Senate bill pass the House at once, its provisions will satisfy the most urgent demands on the Treasury, and give time for more careful discussion of the various measures proposed. Committee of Ways and Means, however, to-day had the Senate bill informally under consideration, and decided it to have originated in violation of the Constitution.

It is understood that Mr. SEWARD intends to-morrow to make a strong effort to pass the bill of the Ways and Means Committee, with what success will be seen.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

The facts in regard to the rumored changes in the War Department seem to be these: Secretary STANTON, soon after his appointment, asked for two additional assistants, to serve for one year, within which time he expected to be able to put down the rebellion. The names of Messrs. WARNER and TUCKER were accordingly sent in, and these gentlemen were appointed. Their term of office will expire about the 20th inst., and it is understood that Mr. WARNER is not a candidate for reappointment. There is strong reason for believing that CHARLES A. DANA, late of the New-York Tribune, will be nominated to the position.

COL. MONTGOMERY GOING TO SOUTH CAROLINA.

Accompanying Gen. HUNTER, who who goes out to South Carolina at once, is Col. MONTGOMERY, of Kansas renown, having a commission from the War Department for raising a brigade of soldiers in that State. It is understood that the veteran HUNTER goes this time untrammeled by restrictions regarding color or race.

CONSOLIDATION.

Senator WILSON'S measure of consolidating the old regiments of the army is meeting with unexpected approval. There is no doubt that the plan, if carried out promptly, would greatly promote the efficiency and diminish the expense of our military force in the field.

THE PROPOSED RAILROAD.

Speaker GROW to-day appointed Messrs. FARNSWORTH, of New-York, WARDWORTH, of Kentucky, ENGLISH, of Illinois, SARGENT, of California, and BENJAMIN, of Connecticut, the Special Committee on the proposed military and post route between New-York and Washington. The majority of the Committee is, of course, favorable to the proposition, and a report will shortly be made.

THE LOUISIANA CONGRESSMEN.

The House Committee on Elections met this morning to consider the cases of Messrs. FLANDERS and HAHN, claiming seats for Districts in Louisiana, under the recent elections in New-Orleans. The claimants appeared in person, and impressed the Committee very favorably by answering that they had no arguments to present in the matter, but simply submitted the facts, and would cordially acquiesce in their decision. The Committee hold that there is but one question to be decided, and that is whether a Military Governor has the lawful right to order elections for Delegates to Congress in military districts. The decision in this matter will establish a precedent for all other similar cases, and the Committee have asked the Delegates to appear before them to-morrow to argue this point.

THE M'DOWELL CASE.

In the McDowell Court of Inquiry to-day, Gen. PORTER was called by Gen. MCDOWELL, and his direct examination gone through with by that officer.

Gen. PORTER stated, in answer to a question by Gen. McDOWELL, that the way Gen. BANKS came to sustain alone the engagement at Cedar Mountain, on the 9th of August, was, that he had continually reported to Gen. PORTER, at Culpepper, during the day, up to 5 o'clock, that he did not apprehend an attack in force. Besides, Gen. PORTER was led to believe, by a recent consolidated report of Gen. BANKS, that his command was something over 12,000 strong, infantry and artillery. On the evening of the 9th of August, Gen. PORTER said the artillery firing in the direction of the position of Gen. BANKS became so rapid and continuous, that he feared a general engagement was going on, or might be brought on at any moment. He consequently ordered forward BANKS'S Division of McDOWELL'S Corps, accompanying it himself, and ordered Gen. SYKES, who was at Culpepper Court-house with his corps, to follow as soon as possible to the field. He stated that Gen. McDOWELL was in no wise responsible for anything connected with these movements, but in all respects carried out his (PORTER'S) instructions faithfully and zealously. Gen. McDOWELL, he said, was under his immediate observation, near the conclusion of the battle of Cedar Mountain, at the time he put his troops into action on the right of BANKS, and his conduct was gallant and efficient throughout. Gen. PORTER stated that the reason Gen. McDOWELL'S Corps was not ordered to the support of Gen. SIGEL, at Waterloo Bridge, on the 9th of August, as had been stated to SIGEL would be the case if necessary, was because it was ascertained by a strong reconnoissance by Gen. BUFORD'S Cavalry, on the [illegible]

that, that there was no enemy on the north side of the Rappahannock, and that the whole force of the enemy had been pushed forward Waterloo Bridge, and that communication among the officers of the first division was unusually free, the object of a movement in force on the Rappahannock, at that time being to beg a single force of the enemy that was reported and been cut off on the north side of the Rappahannock by a sudden rise in the river.

At the conclusion of his direct examination, Gen. Porter said: "Having by the order of the President been placed in command of an army, the commanders of the corps of which were my seniors in rank, my position was embarrassing and likely to lead to unkind feelings between myself and the commanders of the army corps. I am gratified to be able to have hear testimony to the zeal, the energy, the ability, and the cordial sympathy of Gen. McDowell, from the first to the last day of the campaign in Virginia. In my judgment he has merited, and should receive, the gratitude of his country, and the applause of his countrymen."

The Court adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow, when the examination of Gen. Porter will be resumed by the Court.

NEW YORK TIMES TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

EMANCIPATION IN THE DISTRICT.

The Commissioners under the act for the Abolishment of Slavery in the District of Columbia, having concluded their labors, will make their report to the Secretary of the Treasury to-morrow. The number of applicants for the benefit of the act, was about one thousand, for nearly three thousand slaves, who were duly examined and valued by a slave-dealer of Baltimore. The law appropriates $1,000,000, but only $900,000 of this sum will be paid, the authorized average for each slave being $300. Some of these were judged to be worth nothing, such as infants, the aged and invalids, so the amounts withheld for them have been added to those estimated of higher value than $300.

LETTERS OF MARQUE.

A number of prominent gentlemen have been discussing the propriety of urging the authorization of letters-of-marque and reprisal, in view of the belief that arrangements have been made, especially in British quarters, to run the blockade and to prey upon United States commerce. They express the opinion that some action of this kind is absolutely necessary to prevent the destruction of our marine interests from those sources.

See Eighth Page for Congressional Proceedings.

PURITANISM IN POLITICS.

Address of Hon. S. S. Cox, of Ohio.

At the Headquarters of the Democratic Union Association, No. 222 Broadway, Hon. S. S. Cox, of Ohio, delivered an address on "Puritanism in Politics." Mr. Lyle P. Cessans introduced the speaker, who said:

That we were surrounded by the Constitution as by a mound; that a reptile had been boring that mound, and the deluging ocean of war had swept in to destroy. Puritanism is that reptile. It must be crushed, and the mound rebuilt. But it will not be done by the present Administration. We must patiently wait and work for two years and for a better policy. Meanwhile, new schemes of division may distract us. Strife may come between the people of the North, because the reptile brood still flourishes. It is not confined to New-England. I fear new alliances among the States and fresh conflict among the people. I speak as a Western man, ever opposing all schemes of division—still opposing them; but I speak to warn. The erection of the Mississippi States into a Republic, standing on its resources—brought by South and East, choosing for itself its own cheapest, best outlets to the ocean and market of the world, is no dream. Gov. Seymour means much and well, when he says the Western and Central States desire to stand in the Union, protected by all the monuments of the Constitution. They will in time restore that Union—let New-England do as she pleases. They do not intend to desert the ship; but they do not intend to be controlled by the Constitution-breaking, negro-loving Pharisaism of New-England. Unless that section reform itself speedily, new alliances may unhappily be made without her. The West is aware that New-England is getting the benefit, and itself the burdens of the war. Fortunes are made in New-England, wages are high and contracts plenty, while the West is charged with extortionate rates in transportation and in the price of their purchases. They are robbed by tariff on what they buy, robbed on what they sell. Mr. Bancroft boasts that the Yankee has an intelligence which turns to gold all it touches. Do you wonder that public meetings West are receiving no longer to be tributary to New-England cupidity, and that men cry out so wildly, "New-England Sanctimony and peculation have made disunion, New-England stands in the way of reunion. Perish New-England, to let the Union live!" There is a legend of St. Lawrence lying on a red-hot gridiron, and begging that, as he was sufficiently done on one side, to be turned over on the other. I fear the West will never be canonized, if it requires such double sacrifices.

Puritanism.—This is bred in the bone. It is the same now as it was hundreds of years ago. Like begets like. Generation succeeds generation, with the same stamp of Puritan character, taking success for justice, egotism for greatness, cunning for wisdom, cupidity for enterprise, condition for liberty and cant for piety. Puritanism would reform men's morals by statute and make Paradise by politics. I do not impeach a whole people for the errors of a part. In Colonial times, an Endicott was relieved by a Winthrop; as in later times, Wasmuss stands like a granite rock repelling the wave of Puritanism. I would not confound the Parkers and Phillipses and the lesser spawn of transcendentalism with the Ghosts and Guttlesses who have cultivated the graces of civil order. I speak of that rolling element in New-England called Puritanism, which in Lincolnshire, in Holland, at Plymouth, or at Boston, ever presents the same selfish, pharisaical, egotistic and intolerant type of character. We find it in our politics to-day, as the Tudors found it hundred years ago, ever meddling, and only willing to concede when it can't help itself. Even in the time of Elizabeth, it compromised with its persecutors to save the Presbyterian, but provided a punishment for the Separatists. You cannot read the varnished account the Puritans give of themselves. It is false. If they write the history of this war the truth will never appear. Their keynote is that Slavery is its cause, and must be extirpated. The truth is that Slavery was meddled with, and returned in violence what was given in wrath and malice. But it does not thence follow that slavery was the cause of the violence. The doctrine of the French Socialist that property is robbery, and therefore should be abolished, is a simple of the same fallacy. Abolition is, in the moral sense, the cause of the war. It is the offspring of Puritanism.

It might seem anomalous that New England which prided itself upon its local self-government, should meddle with the distant concerns of other people. But such is the contradiction of this Puritan character, that whenever it enjoyed a a blessing, it did not want it to be extended. They would always propagate their creeds offensively. King James said of them, That they were pests in church and commonwealth. When the *Mayflower* and *Speedwell* were on the sea, with the Pilgrim wheat thrice sifted from the three kingdoms—their historian says it wanted sifting once or twice more—one of their leaders said "their voyage was as full of crosses as themselves of crookedness." In Holland, as soon as they learned the language, they began to wrangle. No wonder the Dutch bribed the Captain of the *Mayflower* not to land them near the Hudson, but further north. It is not too late for New-York yet to give thanks for that piece from heaven.

The law officer of the War office now, Mr. Waring, upholds the right of the Government to interfere in Slavery, Mormonism, or *any other institution, condition or social status.* Under this doctrine, proclamations are justified. Rather than yield this moral censorship, New-England welcomed war. It is not the first time she has convulsed the Republic by her dogmas. She did it in 1765. The moral balance between Church and State was thus destroyed. Every Sabbath you have a sermon from Dr. Cheever, demonstrating that our failures in battle are owing to the displeasure of God, because of the sin of Slavery. He forgets that when we are beaten, the slave-holders succeed, and that God, by his Puritan logic, must be Pro-Slavery! Gov. Andrew boasts that New-England has done much for the nation, for the West. What has she done? She has lent out such men as Douglas, Seward, McClellan—liberal minds, because they repudiated Puritanism. She gave Samuel Adams for the Revolution; Greene and Stark in its war—men who had no sympathy with Puritan ideas. She gave us, however, Arnold, Gen. Hull and Gen. Butler. She voted at first against Jackson, and reviled him, as she reviled Douglas. She voted against Jackson at first and reviled him, as she has McClellan. She voted against Louisiana acquisition. She opposed the late war. The Governor of Massachusetts, Strong, refused to comply with President Madison's requisition for troops against England. She fostered secession in her Hartford Convention, and disunion when Texas was admitted. Emerson holds that he (Emerson) is God; God is everything, therefore, he Emerson, is everything. He copies the Hindoo who says: "Rich is that universal self, which thou

---

[illegible]

"I am generation, destruction, reason, and not reason, immortality and death, and all the rest. Among mountains, I am Himalaya; among floods, the ocean; among elements, the overflowing Big Elephant. Where is the relic from the propagation? War! War has been called a wholesale grave-digger, who works for wages. What wages have we not already paid? A quarter of a million of Northern men in mount Southern men, perished; a thousand million of public debt, fortunes tottering, speculation reeling, and the fiend of Abolition standing behind it all, gibbering its insane proclamations! It is the general belief that this ruling element of our Government doomed instead to restore the Union, and to determined to give the Democracy no chance to restore it. But by the God of our fathers! though these Statesmen be for a time, turn asunder by the antinomists, the Democracy, if it takes a lustrum to do it, will never cease to labor till the old Government is once again. The nation echoes Sumner's words, that the Middle and Western States will do it. They will drive this dissonant din which has made this fratricidal violence and hate to its New-England home to prey upon itself, as of old, and will pour into the incensed bosom of the nation the hallowed and healing spirit of mutual confidence and conciliation. Thus will the nation reform itself.

The speaker was greeted by an enthusiastic audience of about 1,200 people, who cheered vociferously at the right places, and agreed with him that "PURITANISM MUST BE CHECKED."

AMUSEMENTS.

Winter Garden.—There are theatres in London where the virtues thrive, and nothing more carnal than tripe and onions is ever permitted to be mentioned on the stage. Mr. Rosson—a famous eccentric comedian—occupies one of these chaste temples. Month after month and year after year he plays a little round of characters depicting, with a good deal of minuteness and, we may add, an equal degree of drollery, the trials, tribulations and triumphs of the lower grades of society. An experienced habitué of the theatre can say at each one such a time Mr. Rosson will wipe his poor bald old head with a red cotton pocket "handkerchief," and at such a time he will sit down radiantly to an exquisite feast of stewed cow-heel contained in a basin, and in the manner of his eating convey to the attentive mind the healthful lesson that contentment and a religious frame of thought can be obtained by pursuing that diet as a steady service of life. These things are so sure to happen as Mr. Rosson is sure to light a long pipe at a later period of the evening, and after puffing frantically at it, and finally putting the bowl in his mouth, to collapse and choke from the intensity of his emotions, occasioned by the tobacco or his feelings.

We have had a few pieces of the Robson school in New-York, but for the lack of an artist capable of interpreting the causes of life reflected in them they have seldom been very popular. This want has been supplied by the manager of the Winter Garden, who, in introducing the piece called the "Chimney Corner," and Mr. Coulbock as the *Solomon Prosy* therein, has certainly succeeded in bringing before our audience the peculiarities, excellencies and best characteristics of acting of one of the most esteemed London establishments. Of the piece, it is sufficient to say that it deals exclusively with the agitations of a parent (in the chandlery line) who is compelled to suppose by a strange concatenation of events, that his son has departed from the paths of rectitude and honor, but who in the end is overwhelmed with a sense of the injustice he has thus done to the favorite of his heart. The interest, although broadly human, is tuned to a low pitch, and the best ability of an artist is required to make the audience acknowledge their sympathy with a range of feeling below the ordinary standard of dramatic expression. Mr. Coulbock effected this in a way that was heartily and deservedly appreciated. With a style that is somewhat large for so humble a part, and a declamatory habit of repeating with various inflexions a simple phrase, not at all in keeping with it, he succeeded in the best scenes in infusing so much honest, hearty and natural pathos into his acting, that we are glad to half the performance as one of the best of the season, and worthy in all respects of being regarded as a new sensation in the dramatic world. The applause at the end of the piece was enthusiastic, and its success complete.

The play in other respects was well rendered, and it was placed on the stage with a degree of care and regard for details that we seldom see equaled. Mr. Davenport, as the senile father of the hero, and the cause of all the botheration, was thoroughly artistic and admirable. He was justly recalled at the end of the second act, and in other respects fairly shared the approbation of the audience. Mr. A. H. Davenport, in a small part, was also excellent, and Miss Coulbock gave to the part of *Grace* a sufficient degree of innocent interest to make it agreeable and necessary to the enjoyment of the entertainment.

The performances concluded with the "French Spy," in which the charming and graceful Cubas gave a vigorous and highly successful interpretation of the "Arab Girl."

Laura Keene's.—Mrs. John Wood appeared last evening, for the first time in New-York, in the comic drama of "The Pride of the Market." The piece is one of Mr. Planché's neatest and most amusing adaptations from the French, and the principal character affords Mrs. Wood the best of opportunities for the display of her varied abilities. In parts like that of *Marton*, Mrs. Wood proves her ability to persuade with artistic delicacy and finish a higher order of dramatic character than that in which she has mainly achieved her unquestionable popularity. She is very brilliant and dashing in burlesque, and more intimately funny than it is generally supposed possible for a pretty woman to be in broad, extravagant farce; but her sensible admirers will all agree she is never so charming as when her humor is relieved, as in "The Pride of the Market," by a shade of serious sentiment, and an occasional touch of sentiment and grace. She is very capably sustained by Messrs. Raymond, Daly and Sedgwick, Miss Emma Taylor and Miss Ione Burke; Mr. Raymond and Miss Ione Burke being especially good in their respective parts. New and extremely beautiful scenery has been painted for the piece by Mr. Minard Lewis and the characters are all well and appropriately costumed.

Dodworth's Hall.—Mrs. Emma Robertson will give a reading from Sheridan Knowles and other writers at this establishment to-night. The lady has been very successful in this species of entertainment.

The Atlantic Telegraph.—It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that this great project has been revived, under circumstances which render its construction probable. Subscriptions to its stock are to be received in small sums. The basis and amount of anticipated profits are fully set forth in the advertisement referred to.

Pearl Starched Soap is the best
And most economical for laundry and family use, being particularly adapted for flannels and all kinds of woolen goods. Manufactured and for sale by E. MORGAN'S SONS, No. 211 Washington-st., and No. 449 West-st.
Also FAMILY, PALE, and No. 1 Soaps.

Anklets.—Anklets and Balmoral Boots
ANKLETS.—For ladies, misses and children.
ANKLETS.— W. H. JEFFERS,
ANKLETS.— No. 372 Broadway

Anklets.—LADIES' ANKLETS.—Every lady to be
ANKLETS.—in full dress for skating, should have a
ANKLETS.—pair. For sale at MILLER'S,
ANKLETS.— No. 387 Canal-st.

Lumber,
AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, BY
SMITH & WILLSON,
1st-av., corner 30th-st.

Second-hand Safes.
FOR SALE
CHEAP FOR CASH,
AT No. 100 MAIDEN-LANE.

50,000 Pairs Ladies' and Gents' Skates.—Skates strap with Fogg's Lever Buckle. Also, the American parlor or floor skate. At wholesale. FREDERICK STEVENS, No. 215 Pearl-st., and No. 42 Kilby-st., Boston.

Morton's Gold Pens.—Prices to suit the pocket and pens to suit the hand of every writer at No. 37 Maiden-lane. Call or inclose stamp for circular, with engravings of all sizes and styles.

The Palmer Arm and Leg.—B. FRANK PALMER, inventor and patentee, Astor-place, (ground floor) N. Y.; also Philadelphia and Boston. Only houses of Palmer & Co. Avoid imposition by calling on the inventor.

[illegible]

pain, but invigorating the stomach and bowels, corrects costiveness, and gives tone and vigor to the whole system. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Electro-Psychology.—Messrs. BRITTAN and PICKE will give a Lecture and Experiments THIS EVENING at Clinton Hall, to commence at 7½ o'clock.

MARRIED.

BIRD—CARPENTER.—In this City, on Monday, Jan. 12, at the Fifth-av. Hotel, by Rev. S. H. Weston, D. D., Mr. Jesse H. Bird to Miss Sidney, only daughter of Albert S. Carpenter, Esq., all of this City.

FOSS—PASCALL.—In this City, on Tuesday morning, Jan. 13, at the Scotch Church, 5th-st., by Rev. A. H. Burlingham, Mr. Warren Foss to Miss Marcia P. Pascall, both of England.

TOMLINSON—RUSSELL.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the residence of the bride's brother, (Wm. E. S. Russell,) by Rev. John Russell Smith, Wm. A. Tomlinson, of Kalamazoo, Mich., to Elizabeth Tomlinson, daughter of the late Robert M. Russell, of this City.

DIED.

BERRIEN.—In Havana, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, Mrs. Cecilia S. Berrien, wife of Martin Benedict, in the 60th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, from the N. S. Church, corner of Bleecker and 11th-sts., on Friday, Jan. 16, at 10 o'clock A. M.

BAKER.—In this City, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, Mr. Barzin Baker, in the 62d year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 20 Greenwich-st., on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 1 o'clock P. M. The remains will be taken to Poughkeepsie for interment.

☞ Poughkeepsie papers please copy.

BROWN.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday, Jan. 10, at his residence, Lyman Brownell, D. D., aged 67 years and 3 months. Funeral will be attended at New-Haven on Thursday, Jan. 15.

All friends are invited to attend the funeral services, at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 2 o'clock P. M., without further notice. Clergymen of this and the neighboring cities, who wish to attend, are invited to meet in the Lecture-room in the rear of the church, at 1½ o'clock. Dr. Bacon of New-Haven, is expected to be present and participate in the services.

GROSJEAN.—In this City, on Monday evening, Jan. 12, Virginia Lizzie, daughter of Thomas and Adolie J. Grosjean, aged 5 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 60 West 34th-st., on Wednesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

CHILD.—In Brooklyn, on Monday, Jan. 12, Mrs. P. Child, in the first year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of her son, Joseph Child, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 69 Henry-st., Brooklyn, on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

DEARIE.—In Friendship, N. Y., on Monday, Jan. 5, Mrs. Mary Humbert Lowe, widow of Joshua Drake, aged 86 years.

HOKES.—In this City, on Saturday, Jan. 10, Samuel Hokes, of East Tennessee, in the 28th year of his age.

He was interred at Greenwood.

FLOYD.—In Jamaica Bay, on Sunday, Jan. 11, on board the propeller *Tilla*, by the gangway of one of the main sheets of her boiler, George F. Floyd, youngest son of William A. and Mary Floyd, aged 19 years, 1 month and 8 days.

The friends and relatives are invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his brother-in-law, William H. Taylor, in Meserole-st., between 54 and 55th, Greenpoint, Brooklyn, on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 2 o'clock P. M.

FOSS.—Lyons (Wayne County) papers please copy.

FOSS.—In this City, on Monday, Jan. 12, Frank Wells Foss, only beloved and lamented child of Daniel and A. M. Foss, aged 4 years, 9 months and 21 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 667 2d-av., at 1½ o'clock.

GRANT.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, Mr. John Gallant, in the 74th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 20 Butler-st., Brooklyn, on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 2 o'clock P. M.

HARRISON.—In Greenpoint, on Tuesday morning, Jan. 13, suddenly, Mary E. Harrison, beloved wife of Samuel Harrison, aged 35 years and 4 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are affectionately invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, 16th-st., North River, on Friday morning, Jan. 16, at 10 o'clock A. M. Cars leave Chambers-st., 8th, and 30th-st. at 8:32 A. M.

IRELAND.—In this City, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, at 10 o'clock, Margaret Ann Ireland, wife of the late John Ireland, in the 53d year of her age.

Her remains will be interred with her sister, Hereafter.

JARDINE.—In Pelham, Westchester County, N. Y., on Tuesday, Jan. 13, Thomas Jardine, aged 85 years. The deceased was born in Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, Sept. 7, 1777.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, on Pelham Neck, on Friday, Jan. 16, at 1 o'clock P. M.

☞ Dumfriesshire (Scotland) papers please copy.

JONES.—In Brooklyn, on Monday, Jan. 12, Emily, wife of George C. Jones, of Canada West, and daughter of Charles Toward, Minister of the Gospel.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 1½ o'clock P. M., at the residence of her father, No. 333 Adelphi-st., Brooklyn.

MILLER.—In this City, on Tuesday morning, Jan. 13, at 9 o'clock A. M., of diphtheria, James B., son of Thomas and Marion B. Miller, aged 3 years and 9 days.

Funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, at 1 o'clock P. M., to-day.

MILLER.—In this City, on Tuesday morning, Jan. 13, John Miller, M. D., in the 67th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and the medical profession, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from Trinity Chapel, 25th-st., a few doors west of Broadway, on Thursday afternoon, at 2½ o'clock.

MERRITT.—In this City, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, Catharine, relict of the late Peter A. Merritt, in the 81st year of her age.

Due notice of the funeral will be given hereafter.

MOORE.—In this City, on Sunday evening, Jan. 11, Augusta Louise, only child of Charles F. and S. Louise Moore, aged 5 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 39 West Washington-place, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 10 o'clock A. M.

NEWBURY.—In Brooklyn, on Monday, Jan. 12, Mrs. Mary Newbury, in the 77th year of her age.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 169 Hicks-st., on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 2 o'clock P. M.

PARSONS.—In this City, on Monday, Jan. 12, Frank Wells Parsons, only beloved child of Daniel and A. M. Foss, aged 4 years, 9 months and 21 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 667 2d-av., at 1½ o'clock.

PARROT.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, Mr. John Gallant, in the 74th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 20 Butler-st., Brooklyn, on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 2 o'clock P. M.

ALL

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

AS CHAMBERMAID.—WANTED, BY A RESpectable young woman, a situation as chambermaid in a private family; she is willing and obliging; good City references. Call, for two days, at No. 129 West 24th-st., between 6th and 7th-ave.

AS CHAMBERMAID.—A SITUATION WANTed, by a respectable young girl, as chambermaid in a private family; she is willing and obliging, and can be seen for two days at No. 169 East 13th-st., second floor, at her present employer's.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—WANTED, BY A respectable young girl, a situation to do chamber work or waiting, and assist with children; is kind and obliging, and willing to make herself useful; has never lived out but a very short time; can refer to her last employer. Call, for two days, at No. 62 West Washington-place, top floor.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—WANTED, BY A respectable Protestant girl, a situation as chambermaid and sewer, or fine washer; the best of City reference can be given from her last employer. Can be seen for two days at No. 25 East 12th-st.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—A SITUATION is wanted by a respectable young woman as chambermaid and waitress, or chambermaid and seamstress; will be found quiet and obliging. Call for two days at No. 62 West Twenty-first-st.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—AN EXPERIenced young lady desires to obtain a situation as chambermaid, to take care of children, and do plain sewing. Can be seen at her present employer's, No. 39 West 30th-st.

A—WANTED, BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as chambermaid and laundress, or to do general housework; has the best of reference. Call at No. 125 West 26th-st, for two days.

AS CHAMBERMAID AND NURSE, OR CHAMBERMAID AND WAITRESS.—Situation wanted in City or country for a neat, efficient girl, in either of the above capacities; is competent, respectful, and obliging, very fond of children, and a nice waitress; wages moderate. Apply at No. 15 Court-st., Brooklyn, corner Joralemon.

AS CHAMBERMAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—Wanted, by a respectable American Protestant young woman, a situation as chambermaid and seamstress; can operate on Wheeler & Wilson's sewing-machine; good City references. Call, for two days, at No. 119 West 24th-st., near 7th-av.

AS CHAMBERMAID AND WAITRESS.—Wanted, a situation by a neat young girl, as chambermaid and waitress, or to do chamber work and fine washing; she has good City references from her last employers, with whom she lived four years. Call for seen at No. 26 Bleecker-st., near 6th-av., for two days.

AS CHAMBERMAID AND WAITRESS.—A situation wanted, by a young woman as chambermaid and to do chamber or waiting; has been in a private family; has good City references. Can be seen, for two days, at No. 121 West 26th-st., between 6th and 7th ave.

AS COOK.—A SITUATION WANTED BY A RespectAble young woman as a first-class cook; understands all kinds of family cooking, and also soups, fish, meats, game and pastry, creams and desserts of all kinds; is a good bread and biscuit baker, and can give the best of City or country references. Can be seen, for two days, at No. 65 West 33d-st.

AS COOK.—WANTED, BY A TIDY WOMAN, a situation as cook. City or country. A situation as first-class cook; understands the French and American style of cooking; all styles of soups and jellies, mock-turtle soup, in season; is washing again; 10 to $12, city or country. Call at No. 169 East 31st-st., for two days.

AS COOK.—WANTED, A SITUATION AS COOK in a private family; by a respectable Scotch woman; understands her business thoroughly; has no objection to assist in the coarse washing; good City references can be given. Can be seen for two days at No. 232 6th-av., between 13th and 14th sts.

A COOK.—A SITUATION WANTED BY A RESpectable girl as cook in a private family; understands her business perfectly; is an excellent bread baker; no objection to assist in the washing and ironing. Best City reference. Call for two days at No. 151 East 31st-st., between 1st and 2d-av.

AS COOK.—WANTED A SITUATION BY A respectable middle-aged woman, as cook; understands her business thoroughly and understands all kinds of cooking; good City reference can be given. Call for two days at No. 63 Bedford-st., near Bleecker-st.

AS COOK.—A PROTESTANT WOMAN DESIRES a situation as first-class cook in a private family; has the highest testimonials as to character and capability. Apply, for two days, at No. 119 West 26th-st.

AS COOK, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY A respectable woman to do the cooking and assist with the washing and ironing for a private family; is a good cook and fine washer and ironer; also can make a good baker of bread, biscuit and pies; good City reference. Call at No. 216 East 9th-st., second floor, front room.

AS COOK, &c.—A RESPECTABLE GIRL wishes a situation as first-rate cook, and is willing to assist in the plain washing if required; can give the best of City references from where she has lived five years; can be seen at No. 408 6th-av., first floor, back room.

AS COOK, &c.—WANTED, BY A RESPECTAble woman, a situation as plain cook, good washer and ironer, or to do general housework in a small family; five years' reference from her last place. Call at No. 121 Warren-st., between Hoyt and Bond sts., Brooklyn.

AS COOK, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION IN A private family as first-class cook; understands her business in all branches; can do the fine washing if required; has good City reference. Can be seen, for two days, at No. 238 8th-av., between 18th and 19th sts.

AS COOK, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION, BY a respectable Protestant girl, as plain cook, washer and ironer; has good City reference. Call at No. 56 Eldridge-st., rear ground.

AS COOK OR LAUNDRESS.—WANTED, BY a respectable Protestant young woman, a situation as cook or laundress in a private family or private boarding-house; good City reference. Call for two days at No. 209 West 31st-st., between 6th and 7th-ave.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—Wanted, a situation by a very experienced and trustworthy girl as cook, and laundress in a gentleman's family; is a thorough cook; return to her last place, where she lived previous six months, and will be found in neatness, character, and competency, a valuable servant. Apply to Mr. CHRISTOPHER, No. 10 Tillary-st., Brooklyn.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—A thoroughly neat and competent Protestant young woman is desirous of obtaining a situation; is a superior washer and ironer; makes nice bread, biscuit, cake and pastry, and is a good meat cook; keeps her kitchen in first-rate order; and has most excellent references. Apply at No. 15 Court-st., Brooklyn, corner Joralemon.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—Wanted, a situation, by a respectable young woman in a private family, as cook, washer and ironer; has the best of City reference from her last place she belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church. Can be seen for two days at No. 104 East 13th-st., up three flights of stairs, front room.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—Wanted, a situation by a respectable woman as cook, washer and ironer, or to do general housework; no objection to the country; has the best of City reference. Call at No. 101½ West 27th-st., near 7th-av.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—Wanted, by a respectable woman, a situation as cook, washer and ironer, in a private family; best City reference. Call for two days at No. 400 3d-av., near 30th-st.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—A

MEDICAL.

EXPOSED! FALLACIES UNMASKED!—Just published, in a sealed envelope, price 6 cents, a lecture on the errors, causes, treatment and cure of Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, Impotency, Lost Manhood, Aversion to Society, Diffidence, Loss of Memory, Blotches, Pimples, Emissions, Involuntary Loss of Semen, Leucorrhœa, Abscesses, Gleet, Strictures, Gravel, Diabetes and Kidney Complaints, Gonorrhœa, Gleet, Urinary Diseases, Sexual Debility, Impotency, Loss of Semen, Leucorrhœa, Abscesses, Stricture

JEFF. DAVIS ON THE WAR.

His Speech Before the Mississippi Legislature.

The War Longer Than He Anticipated.

Energy and Resources of the North,

The Rebels Always Victorious.

Vicksburgh and Port Hudson to be Defended at all Hazards.

Johnston to Drive Our Army from Mississippi—Bragg on the Way to the Ohio River.

We have already published a sketch of the speech delivered before the Mississippi Legislature at Jackson, on Dec. 26, but its significance warrants our giving it in full:

EXPOSTULATION.

Friends and Fellow-Citizens, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Mississippi: After an absence of nearly two years I again find myself among those who, from the days of my childhood, have ever been the trusted objects of my affections, those for whose good I have ever striven, and whose interests I have sometimes hoped I may have contributed to subserve. Whatever fortunes I may have achieved in life have been gained as a representative of Mississippi, and before all, I have labored for the advancement of her glory and honor. I now, for the first time in my career, find myself the representative of a wider circle of interest; but a circle in which the interests of Mississippi are still embraced. Two years ago, nearly, I left you to assume the duties which had devolved on me as the representative of the new Confederacy. The responsibilities of this position have occupied all my time, and have left me no opportunity for mingling with my friends in Mississippi, or for sharing in the dangers which have menaced them. But, wherever duty may have called me, my heart has been with you, and the success of the cause in which we are all engaged has been first in my thoughts and prayers. I thought, when I left Mississippi, that the service to which I was called would prove to be but temporary. The last time I had the honor of addressing you from this stand, I was influenced by that idea. I then imagined that it might be my fortune again to lead Mississippians in the field, and to be with them where danger was to be braved and glory won. I thought to find that place which I believed to be called to my capacity—that of an officer in service of the State of Mississippi. For, although in the discharge of my duties as President of the Confederate States, I had determined to make no distinction between the various parts of the country—to know no separate State—yet my heart has always beat more warmly for Mississippi, and I have looked on Mississippi soldiers with a pride and emotion such as no others inspired. But it was decided differently. I was called to another sphere of action. Now, in that sphere I have discharged the duties and obligations imposed on me, it does not become me to constitute myself the judge. It is for others to decide that question. But, speaking to you with that frankness, and that confidence with which I have always spoken to you, and which partakes of the nature of thinking aloud, I can say with my hand upon my heart, that whatever I have done, has been done with the sincere purpose of promoting the noble cause in which we are engaged. The period which elapsed since I left you is short; for the time, which may appear long in the life of man, is short in the history of a nation. And in that short period remarkable changes have been wrought in all the circumstances by which we are surrounded. At the time of which I speak, the question presented to our people as "will there be war?" This was the subject of universal speculation. We had chosen to exercise an indisputable right—the right to separate from those with whom we conceived association to be no longer possible, and to establish a Government of our own.

THE WAR MORE GIGANTIC THAN WAS ANTICIPATED.

I was among those who, from the beginning, predicted war as the consequence of secession, *although I must admit that the contest has assumed proportions more gigantic than I had anticipated.* I predicted war, not because our right to secede, and to form a Government of our own was not indisputable and clearly defined in the spirit of that declaration which rests the right to govern on the consent of the governed, but saw that the wickedness of the North would precipitate a contest upon us. *Those who cared for the exercise of this right of separation would not produce war, have had cause to be convinced that they had created their recent associates of the North with a moderation, a sagacity, a morality they did not possess. You have been involved in a war waged for the gratification of the lust of power and aggrandizement, for your conquest and your subjugation, with a malignant ferocity and with a disregard, and a contempt, of the usages of civilization entirely unequalled in history.* Such, I have ever warned you, were the characteristics of the Northern people—of those with whom our ancestors entered into a Union of consent, and with whom they formed a constitutional compact. And yet, such was the attachment of our people for that Union, such their devotion to it, that those who desired preparation to be made for the inevitable conflict, were denounced as men who wished to destroy the Union. *After what has happened during the last two years, my only wonder is that we consented to live for one time in association with such miscreants, and have loved so much a Government rotten to the core. Were it ever to be proposed again to enter into a Union with such a people, I could no more consent to do it than to trust myself in a den of thieves.*

THE HORRORS OF WAR.

You in Mississippi have but little experienced as yet the horrors of the war. You have seen but little of the savage manner in which it is waged by your barbarous enemies. It has been my fortune to witness it in all its terrors; in a part of the country where old men have been torn from their homes, carried into captivity and immured in distant dungeons, and where delicate women have been insulted by a brutal soldiery and forced even to cook for the dirty Federal invaders; where property has been wantonly destroyed, the country ravaged, and every outrage committed, and it is with these people that our fathers formed a union and a solemn contract. There is indeed a difference between the two peoples. *Let no man hug the delusion that there can be renewed association between them. One commences a traditionless and homeless race; from the time of Cromwell to the present moment they have been disturbers of the peace of the world. Gathered together by Cromwell from the dregs and feces of the North of Ireland and of England, they commenced by disturbing the peace of their own country; they disturbed Holland, in which they fed, and they disturbed England on their return. They persecuted Catholics in England, and they hung Quakers and witches in America.*

HOW THE CONTEST HAS BEEN PROSECUTED.

Having been hurried into a war with a people so devoid of every mark of civilization, you may no doubt wonder that I have not carried out the policy, which I had intended should be our policy, of fighting our battles on the fields of the enemy instead of suffering him to fight them on ours. This was not the result of my will, but of the power of the enemy. They had at their command all the accumulated wealth of seventy years—the military stores which had been laid up during that time. They had grown rich from the taxes wrung from you for the establishing and supporting their manufacturing institutions. We have entered upon a conflict with a nation contiguous to us in territory and vastly superior to us in numbers. *In the face of these facts the wonder is not that we have done little, but that we have done so much. In the first year of the war our forces were sent into the field poorly armed, and were far inferior in number to the enemy. We were compelled even to arm ourselves by the capture of weapons taken from the foe in the battle-field. Thus in every battle we exchanged our arms for those of the invaders.* At the end of twelve months of the war, it was still necessary for us to adopt some expedient to enable us to maintain our ground. The only expedient remaining to us was to call on those brave men who had entered the service of the country at the beginning of the war, supposing that the conflict was to last but a short time, and that they would not be long absent from their homes. The only expedient, I say, was to call on these gallant men, to ask them to maintain their position in front of the enemy, and to surrender for a time their hopes of soon returning to their families and friends. And nobly did they respond to the call. They answered that they were willing to stay; that they were willing to maintain their position and to breast the tide of invasion. But it was not just that they should stand alone. They asked that the men who had stayed at home—who had thus far been exempted from the danger—should share the danger with them. Hence, as a matter of justice, the conscription was established.

CONSCRIPTION.

From this resulted the law of Congress which is known as the conscription act, which declared all men, from the age of eighteen to the age of thirty-five, to be liable to enrollment in the Confederate service. I regret that there has been some prejudice excited against the act, and that it has been subjected to harsher criticism than it deserves. And here I may say that an erroneous impression appears to prevail in regard to this act. It is no disgrace to be brought into the army by conscription. There is no more reason to expect from the citizen voluntary service in the army than to expect voluntary labor on the public roads or the voluntary payment of taxes. But these things we do not expect. We assess the property of the citizen—we appoint tax-gatherers; why should we not likewise distribute equally the labor, and enforce equally the obligation of defending the country from its enemies? I repeat that it is no disgrace to any one to be conscripted; but it is a glory for those who do not wait for the conscription. Thus resulted the conscription act; and thence arose the necessity for the conscription act. The necessity was met; but when it was found that underthese acts enough men were not drawn into the ranks of the army to fulfill the purpose intended, it became necessary to pass another conscription act, and another conscription act. It is only of this latter that I desire to speak. Its policy was to leave at home those men needed to conduct the Administration, and those who might be required to support and maintain the industry of the country—in other words, to exempt from military service those whose labor, employed in other avocations, might be more profitable to the country and to the Government, than in the ranks of the army.

UNFOUNDED DISCONTENT.

I am told that this act has excited some discontent, and that it has provoked censure, far more severe, I believe, than it deserved. It has been said that it exempts the rich from military service, and forces the poor to fight the battles of the country. The poor do indeed, fight the battles of the country. It is their poverty that drives nations and make revolutions. But is it true that in this war the men of property have shrunk from the ordeal of the battle-field? Look through the army; cast your eyes upon the stalwart forms of the war whom you meet in your streets and in the hospitals; remember the martyrs of the conflict; and I am sure you will find among them more than a fair proportion drawn from the ranks of men of property. The object of the conscription act, the act which exempts those having charge of twenty or more negroes, was not to draw any distinction of classes, but simply to provide a force, in the nature of a police force, sufficient to keep our negroes in control. This was the sole object of the clause. Had it been otherwise, it would never have received my signature. As I have already said, we have no cause to complain of the rich. All our people have done well, and, while the poor have nobly discharged their duties, most of the wealthiest and most distinguished families of the South have representatives in the ranks. I take, as an example, the case of one of your own Representatives in Congress, who was nominated for Congress and elected; but still did a sentimental duty until Congress met. Nor is this a solitary instance, for men of the highest fortune in Mississippi are now serving in the ranks.

PROVISION FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES—THE RESERVE.

Permit me now to say that I have seen with peculiar pleasure the recommendation of your Governor in his Message, to make some provision for the families of the absent soldiers of Mississippi. Let this provision be made for the objects of his affection and his solicitude, and the soldier engaged in fighting the battles of his country will no longer be disturbed in his slumber by dreams of an unprotected and neglected family at home. Let him know that his mother Mississippi has spread her protecting mantle over those he loves, and he will be ready to fight your battles, to protect your honor, and in your cause to die. There is another one of the Governor's propositions to which I wish to allude. I mean the proposition to call upon those citizens who are not subject to the Confederate Conscription law, and to form them into a reserve corps for the purpose of aiding in the defence of the State. Men who are exempted by law from the performance of any duty, do not generally feel the obligation to perform that duty unless called upon by the law. But I am confident that the men of Mississippi have only to know that their soil is invaded, their cities menaced, to rush to meet the enemy, even if they serve only for thirty days. I see no reason why the State may not, in an exigency like that which now oppresses us her, call on her reserved forces, and organize them for service. Such troops could be of material benefit, by serving in intrenchments, and thus relieving the return and disciplined soldiers for the duties of the field, where discipline is so much needed. At the end of a short term of service they could return to their homes and to their ordinary avocations, resuming those duties necessary to the public prosperity.

THE EXEMPTION ACT.

The Exemption act, passed by the last Congress, will probably be made the subject of revision and amendment. *It seems to me that some provision* might be made by which those who are exempt from enrollment now might, on becoming subject to conscription, be turned over by the State to the Confederate authorities. *But never let it be said that there is a conflict between the States and the Confederate Government, by which a blow may be inflicted on the common cause.* If such a page is to be written on the history of my State, I hope that you, my friends, will say that that State shall not be Mississippi. Let me repeat that there is much that the reserved corps can do. They can build bridges, construct fortifications, act as a sort of police to preserve order and promote the industrial interests of the State and to keep the negroes under control. Being of the people among whom they would act, those misunderstandings would thus be avoided which are apt to arise when strangers are employed in such a service. In this manner the capacity of the army for active operations against the enemy would be materially increased. I hope I shall not be considered intrusive for having entered into these details. The measures I have recommended are placed before you only in the form of suggestions, and, by you, I know I shall not be misinterpreted.

THE REBELS ALWAYS VICTORIOUS.

In considering the manner in which the war has been conducted by the enemy, nothing arrests the attention more *than the magnitude of the preparations made for our subjugation.* Immense navies have been constructed, vast armies have been accumulated, for the purpose of crushing out the rebellion. It has been impossible to meet them in equal numbers; nor have we required it. *We have often whipped them three to one, and in the eventful battle of Antietam Lee whipped them four to one.* But she not understand me as saying that this will always be the case. When the troops of the enemy become disciplined, and accustomed to the obedience of the camp, they will necessarily approach more nearly to an equality with our own men. *We have always whipped them, in spite of disparity of numbers; and on any fair field, fighting gun man to man, and relying only on those natural qualities with which men are endowed, we should not fear to meet them in the proportion of one to two.* But troops must be disciplined in order to develop their efficiency, and in order to keep them at their posts. Above all, to assure this result, we need the support of public opinion. *We want public opinion to frown down those who come from the army with sad tales of disaster and prophecies of evil, and who skulk from the duties they owe their country. We rely on the women of the land to turn back these deserters from the ranks.* I thank the Governor for asking the Legislature to make the people of the State tributary to this service.

THE NECESSITY OF FILLING UP OLD REGIMENTS.

In addition to this, it is necessary to fill up those regiments which have far so long a time been serving in the field. They have stood before the foe on many hard fought fields, and have proven their courage and devotion on all. They have won the admiration of the army and of the country. And here I to-day repeat a compliment I have heard which, although it seems to partake of levity, appears an illustration of the esteem in which Mississippians are held. It happened that several persons were conversing of a certain battle, and one of them remarked that the Mississippians did not run. "Oh, no!" said another, "Mississippians never run." But those who have passed through thirteen pitched battles are not unscathed. Their ranks are thinned, and they look back to Mississippi for aid to augment their diminished numbers. They look back anxiously their brothers to fly to their rescue; but it sometimes occurs as if the long anticipated relief would never come. A brigade which may consist of only 1,200 is expected to do the work of 4,000. Humanity demands that these depleted regiments be filled up. A mere skeleton cannot reasonably be expected to perform the labor of a body with all its flesh and muscle on it. You may have many who might assist in revivifying your reduced regiments—enough to fill up the ranks if they would only consent to throw off the shackles of private *interest, and devote themselves to the holiest* cause in which a man can be engaged. You have now in the field old men and gentle boys who have braved all the terrors and the dangers of war. I remember an instance of one of these; a brave and gallant youth, who, I was told, was but sixteen years of age. In one of those bloody battles by which the soil of Virginia has been consecrated to liberty, he was twice wounded, and each time bound up the wound with his own hands, while refusing to leave the field. A third time he was struck, and the life-blood flowed in a crimson stream from his breast. His brother came to him to minister to his wants, but the noble boy said: "Brother, you cannot do me any good now; go where you can do the Federals most harm." Even then, while lying on the ground, his young life fast ebbing away, he cocked his rifle, and aimed it to take one last shot at the enemy. And so he died, a hero and a martyr. This was one of the boys whose name shends glory on Mississippi, and who, looking back from their distant camps, where they stand prepared to fight your battles, and to turn back the tide of Federal invasion, ask you now to send them aid in the struggle—to send them men to stand by them in the day of trial, on the right hand and on the left.

VICKSBURGH AND PORT HUDSON TO BE DEFENDED.

When I came to Mississippi I was uncertain in which direction the enemy intended to come, or what point they intended to attack. It had been stated, indeed, in their public prints that they would move down upon Mississippi from the North, with the object of taking Vicksburgh in the rear, while their navy would attack that place in front. Such was the programme which has been proclaimed for the [illegible] and destruction of your State. But when I came to Grenada, I found that the enemy had retired from our front, and that nothing was to be seen of them but their backs. It is probable that they have abandoned that idea, with the intention of reinforcing the heavy column now threatening the river. *Vicksburgh and Port Hudson are the real points of attack. Every effort will be made to capture these places with the object of forcing the navigation of the Mississippi, of cutting of our communications with the trans-Mississippi department and of severing the West from the Eastern portion of the Confederacy. Let them all who have an heart be the safety of the country, and thus conduct more than in any other way to the perpetuation of the Confederacy and the success of the cause.*

CONSCRIPTION.

I may say here that I did not expect the Confederate enrolling officers to carry on the work of conscription. I relied for this upon the aid of the State authorities. I supposed that State officers would enroll the conscripts within the limits of their respective States, and that Confederate officers would then receive them in camps of instruction. This I believed to be the policy of your Governor's arguments. *We cannot too strongly enforce the necessity of harmony between the Confederate Government and the State Governments. They must act together, if our cause is to be brought to a successful issue.* Of this you may rest assured, that whatever the Confederate Government can do for the defence of Mississippi will be done. A just equal confidence that whatever Mississippi can do will likewise be done. It unfortunately requires legislation to cause men to perform these duties which are purely legal. Men are not apt to feel an obligation to discharge duties from which they may have been exempted. Ours is a representative government, and it is only through the operation of the law that the obligation toward it can be equally distributed. When the last Congress prohibited the taking certain number of men were required to fill up the ranks of the army, that class of men who were already in the field and who were retained in service, would not have been satisfied but there were no conscription of those who had remained at home. I may state also, that I believe this to be the theory for the military defence of the Confederacy. Cast your eyes forward to that time at the end of the war when peace shall nominally be proclaimed—the war between us and our enemies shall be finished—when *all our interests for many years to come*—cast your eyes forward to that time, and you will see the necessity for continued preparation and unceasing watchfulness. We have but few men in our country who will be willing to enlist in the army for a soldier's pay. But every young man shall have served for two or three years in the army, he will be prepared when war comes to go into camp and take his place in the ranks an educated and disciplined soldier. Serving among his equals, his friends and his neighbors, he will find in the army no distinction of class. To such a system I am sure there can be no objection.

"WILL YOU BE SLAVES, OR WILL YOU BE INDEPENDENT?"

The issue before us is one of no ordinary character. We are not engaged in a conflict for conquest, or for aggrandisement, or for the settlement of a point of international law. The question for you to decide is, *"Will you be slaves or will you be independent?" Will you transmit to your children the freedom and equality which your fathers transmitted to you, or will you bow down in adoration before an idol never then ever contemplated by the Eastern idolaters?* Nothing more is necessary than this to nerve the hearts of the people. Danger will be the personal sacrifices involved. I am surprised that you will not shrink from these whenever the question comes before you. Those men who now assail us, who have been associated with us in a common Union, who have inherited a Government which they claim to be the best the world ever saw—these men, when left to themselves, have shown that they are incapable of preserving their own personal liberty. They have destroyed the freedom of the Press; they have seized upon and imprisoned members of State Legislatures and of municipal councils, who were suspected of sympathy with the South; men have been carried off into captivity in distant States without indictment, without a knowledge of the accusations brought against them, in utter defiance of all rights guaranteed by the institutions under which they live. *These people, when separated from the South and left entirely to themselves, have, in six months, demonstrated their utter incapacity for self-government. And yet, these are the people who claim to be your masters.* These are the people who have determined to divide out the South among their Federal troops. Mississippi they have devoted to the direst vengeance of the Northern Republic. "Vengeance is the Lord's," and beneath its banner you will meet and hurl back these worse than vandal hordes.

THE STRUGGLE MUST BE SUCCESSFUL.

The great end and aim of the Government is to make our struggle successful. *The men who stand highest in this contest would fail the first sacrifice to the vengeance of the enemy in case we should be unsuccessful.* You may rest assured, then, for that reason, if for no other, that whatever capacity they possess will be devoted to securing the independence of the country. Our Government is not like the monarchies of the Old World, resting for support upon armies and navies. It springs from the people, and the confidence of the people is necessary for its success. When any portion of the Government shall have stagnated, when accusations have been brought against it of weakness and inefficiency, often have I felt in my heart the struggle between the desire for justice and the duty not to give information to the enemy—because at such time the correction of error would have been injurious to the safety of the cause. Thus, that great and good man, Gen. A. S. Johnston, was contented to rest beneath contumely and to be pointed at by the finger of scorn, because he did not advance from Bowling Green with the entire army under his command. But month after month he maintained his post, keeping the enemy ignorant of the paucity of his numbers, and thus holding the invaders in check. I take this case as one instance; *it is not the only one by far.*

AN APPEAL TO MISSISSIPPIANS.

The issue then being: will you be slaves; will you consent to be robbed of your property; will you renounce the exercise of those rights with which you were born and which were transmitted to you by your fathers? I ask, that in unsoiled Mississippi the answer will be that their interests, even life itself, should be willingly laid down upon the altar of their country.

By the memories of the past, by the glories of the field of Chalmette, where the Mississippians, in a General Order of the day, were addressed as the bravest of the brave by the glorious dead of Mexico, by the still more glorious dead of the battle-fields of the Confederacy, by the desolate widows and orphans whom the martyrs of the war have left behind them, by your maimed and wounded heroes—I invoke you not to delay a moment, but to rush forward and place yourself at the disposal of the State. I have been one of those who, from the beginning, looked forward to a long and bloody war; but I must frankly confess that its magnitude has exceeded my expectations. *The enemy have displayed more power, and energy, and resources than I had attributed to them. Their fleets have held out far better than I imagined would be the case.* But I am also one of those who felt that our final success was certain, and that our people had only to be true to themselves to behold the Confederate flag among the recognized nations of the earth. *The question is only that of time. It may be remote, but it may be nearer than many people suppose. It is not possible that a war of the dimensions that this one has assumed, of proportions so gigantic, can be very long protracted. The combatants must be soon exhausted. But it is impossible, with a cause like ours, we can be the first to cry, "Hold, enough."*

THE ATTACK ON VICKSBURGH.

The sacrifices which have already been made have perhaps fallen heavily upon a portion of the people, especially upon the noble little City of Vicksburgh. After Memphis and New-Orleans had fallen, two points which were considered to be admirably defended, two points which we had no reason to believe would fall, Vicksburgh became the object of attack. A few earthworks were thrown up, a few guns were mounted, and Vicksburgh received the shock of both fleets; the one which, under Commodore Foote, had descended the river, and the one which, under Farragut, had achieved the capture of New-Orleans. Nobly did the little city receive the assault, and even the women said: "Rather that surrender, let us give them the soil, but with the ashes of our dwellings upon it."

This was the he roic devotion of a people who deserve to be free. Your Governor left his chair, and went himself to the scene of danger. Nothing more generally touched me and my duties in a distant land, than to hear that the chief magistrate of my own State was defending the town which the enemy *had made the object of his attack, and that the defence was successful. Now we are far better prepared* in that quarter. The works, then weak, have been greatly strengthened; the troops assigned for their defence are better disciplined and better instructed, and that gallant soldier who came with me has been pouring in his forces to assist in its protection. Himself the son of a Revolutionary hero, he has emulated his father's glorious example upon other fields, and comes to Mississippi to defend, and, I believe, to protect you.

INTERVENTION.

In the course of this war our eyes have been often turned abroad. *We have expected sometimes recognition and sometimes intervention at the hands of foreign nations, and we had a right to expect it.* Never before in the history of the world had a people so long a time maintained their ground, and showed themselves capable of maintaining their national existence, without securing the recognition of commercial nations. *I know and take this has been so, but this I say, "Put not your trust in princes," and rest not your hopes on foreign nations.* This war is ours; we must fight it out ourselves; and I feel some pride in knowing that so far we have done it without the good-will of anybody. *It is true that there are two symptoms of a change in public opinion abroad. They give us their admiration—they sometimes even say to us God speed*—and in the remarkable book written by Mr. Spence, the question of secession has been discussed with more of ability than it ever has been even in this country. *Yet England still holds back, but France, the ally of other days, seems disposed to hold out to us the hand of fellowship. And when France holds out to us her hand, right willingly will we grasp it.*

[illegible]

During the last year, the war has alternated by varied fortunes. New-Orleans fell, and then all was to the Valley of the Mississippi. Memphis fell; and then we have lost various points on the Atlantic coast. These misfortunes have caused some to at times doubt; at times even have driven some back to take a view of our condition now, and compare it with what it was a year ago—look at the enemy's position as it then was and as it now is; consider their immense power, vast numbers, and great resources; look at all these things, and you will be convinced that our condition now will compare favorably with what it was then. Armies are not composed of numbers alone. Officers and men are both to be disciplined and instructed. When the war first began the leader and the taught were in the condition of the blind leading the blind; now all this is changed for the better. Our troops have become disciplined and instructed. The have stripped the gunboats of its terrors; they have beaten superior numbers in the field; they have discovered that with their short range weapons they can close upon the long range of the enemy and capture them. *Thus in all respects, moral as well as physical, we are better prepared than we were a year ago.*

THE OBJECTS OF THE ENEMY.

There are now two prominent objects in the programme of the enemy. One is to get possession of the Mississippi River and to open it to navigation, in order to separate the planters of the West, and to utilize the labor of New-Orleans, which has thus far rendered them no service. The other is to seize upon the Capital of the Confederacy, and hold this but as a proof that the Confederacy has no existence. We have recently repulsed them at Fredericksburgh, and I believe that under God and by the valor of our troops the Capital of the Confederacy will stand safe behind its wall of living bayonets. Vicksburgh and Port Hudson have been strengthened, and now we can concentrate at either of them a force sufficient for their protection. I have confidence that Vicksburgh will stand as before, and I hope that Port Hudson will and Generals to support him if the enemy dare to land. *Port Hudson is now strong. Vicksburgh will stand, and Port Hudson will stand; but for every man that can be spared from other positions, I would be defiant, there should be a force assembled in Mississippi, that great artery of the Confederacy, prepared for any contingencies with the trans-Mississippi Department, and thwart the enemy's object of forcing navigation through to New-Orleans. By keeping that account the other two points, Port Hudson and Vicksburgh, can hold out against their assailants, and the people of the West, cut off from New-Orleans, will be driven to the East to seek a market for their products, and will be compelled to pay as much to the way of freights, that their products will be rendered of no value. Thus, I should not be surprised if the first daybreak of peace were to dawn upon us from that quarter.*

THE GENERAL IN COMMAND AT VICKSBURGH.

Some time since, for reasons not necessary to recapitulate, I sent to this State a General unknown to most of you, and, perhaps, even by name, known but to few among you. This was the land of my affections. Here were situated the little of worldly goods I possessed. I selected a General who, in my view, was capable of defending my State and discharging the duties of this important service. I was told, at the time, that I was mistaken in the General of my choice. I feel that, during his administration here everything had been done that could be accomplished with the means at his command. I recommend him to your confidence as you may have confidence in me, who selected him. For the defence of Vicksburgh, I selected one from the Army of the Potomac, whom it is but faint praise to say he has no superior. He was sent to Virginia at the beginning of the war, with a little battery of three guns. With these he fought the Yankee gunboats, drove them off, and stripped them of their terrors. He was promoted for distinguished services on various fields. He was finally made a Colonel of cavalry, and I have reason to believe that, at the last great conflict on the field of Manassas, he served to trip the tide of battle and consummate the victory. [On succeeding fields he has won equal distinction. Though yet young he has fought more battles than many officers who have lived to an advanced age and died in their beds. I have therefore sent LEE to take charge of the defences of Vicksburgh. I have every confidence in the skill and energy of the officers in command. But when I received dispatches, and heard rumors of alarm and trepidation and despondency among the people of Mississippi; when I heard even that people were fleeing to Texas in order to save themselves from the enemy; when I saw it stated by the enemy that they had handled other States with gloves, but Mississippi was to be handled without gloves, every impulse of my heart dragged me hither, in spite of duties which might have claimed my attention elsewhere. When I heard of the sufferings of my own people, of the danger of their subjugation by a ruthless foe, I felt that if Mississippi were destined for such a fate, I would wish to sleep in her soil. On my way here I stopped at the headquarters of Gen. JOHNSTON. I knew his capacity and his resolution. I imparted to him my own thoughts, and asked him to come with me. I found that his ideas were directed in the same channel. He came in the shortest time for preparation, but whatever man can do will be done by him. *I have perfect confidence that, with your assistance and support, he will drive the enemy from the soil of Mississippi.*

[illegible]

After having visited the army—after having mingled among the people of the State—I shall go away from among you with a lighter heart. I do not think the people of Mississippi are despondent or depressed; those who are so are those on whom the iron tread of the invader has fallen, or those who, skulking from their duty, go home with fearful tales to justify their desertion. Nor is the army despondent; on the contrary, it is confident of victory. At Grenada I found the only regret to be that the enemy had not come on. At Vicksburgh, even within the intrenchments, the troops did not dream of defeat. I go, therefore, anxious, but hopeful. My attachment to Mississippi, and my esteem for her people, have risen since the war began. I have been proud of her soldiers, and I have endeavored to conceal my pride, for I wished to make no distinction between the States of the Confederacy; but I cannot deny that my heart has warmed with a livelier emotion when I have seen those letters upon the boys' caps that have marked him for a Mississippian. Man's affections are not subject to his will; mine are fixed upon Mississippi. And when I return to where I shall find Mississippians fighting for you in a distant State, when I shall tell them that you are safe here, that you can be defended without calling upon them, and that they are necessary to guard the capital and to prevent the inroads of the enemy in Georgia and Alabama, I shall be proud to say to them for you that they are welcome to stay.

KENTUCKY AND MISSOURI.

As to the States on the other side of the Mississippi I can say that their future is bright. The Army is organized and disciplined, and it is to hoped that at no distant day it may be able to advance into that land which has been trodden under the foot of despotism, where old men have been torn from their homes and immured in dungeons, where even the women have been subjected to the insults of the brutal Federal soldiery—*that under the flag of the Confederacy Missouri will again be free.*

Kentucky, too, that gallant State whose cause is our cause, the gallantry of whose sons has never been questioned, is still the object of the ardent wishes of Gen. BRAGG. *I heard him say, in an address to his troops, that he hoped again to lead them into Kentucky and to the banks of the Ohio River.*

EXORDIUM.

I can, then, say with confidence that our condition is in every respect greatly improved over what it was last year. Our armies have been augmented, our troops have been instructed and disciplined. The *articles necessary for the support of these troops and our people, and from which the enemy's blockade has cut us off, are being produced in the Confederacy.* Our manufactories have made rapid progress; so much is this case that I learn with equal surprise and pleasure, from the General commanding this Department, that *Mississippi alone can supply the army which is upon her soil.*

Our people have learned to economize, and are satisfied to wear homespun. I never see a woman dressed in homespun that I do not feel like taking off my hat to her; and although our women never lose their good looks, I cannot help thinking that they are improved by this garb. I never meet a man dressed in homespun but I feel like saluting him. I cannot avoid remarking with how much pleasure I have noticed the superior morality of our troops, and the contrast which in this respect they present to the invader. *I can truly say that an army more pure and more moral than that defending our liberties I do not believe to exist.* On their valor and the assistance of God I confidently rely.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of the Senate, and it was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, (Dem.,) presented the memorial of 1,800 citizens of Delaware asking for a modification of the Revenue law.

Mr. POMEROY, of Kansas, (Rep.,) presented a petition from the Chiefs of the Wyandotte Indians for reimbursement of their losses by the rebels.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported back the petition of Mr. JEWETT for mediation by Switzerland, with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed. Agreed to.

Mr. HALE, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.,) said there was a law passed the last session for the purchase of some land near the Kittery Navy-yard, which law had not been executed. He had addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Navy on the subject, and had received a letter written by the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, containing what he (Mr. HALE) thought a charge against Congress of [illegible]

Mr. The Secretary of the Navy, on the 7th of January, addressed a letter to Hon. P. HALE, a member of this body, inclosing a communication from January Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, to the effect in substance, that Congress had failed to make a law authorizing the purchase of the land, of which the Navy Department is in ignorance. The Secretary thought proper to make a purchase, unauthorized by the Department, with personal responsibility of quite considerable, the object could only be attained by making the purchase subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, without any responsibility or judgment of his. And

Whereas, The foregoing statement contains a charge of corruption against Congress; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the truth of the same, as to what personal considerations affected Congress, and who were interested therein.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Rep.,) objected to the consideration of the resolution, and said, unless he was very much mistaken, what was written by Mr. SMITH, when taken in connection with the whole letter, would not fairly admit of any such construction as the resolution implied.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) introduced a bill to consolidate the regiments and companies now in the field. Referred.

Mr. GRIMES, of Iowa, (Rep.,) offered a resolution requesting the President to communicate to the Senate all communications between the State Department and the representatives of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, in relation to the capture of British vessels sailing from one port to another, having on board articles contraband of war, intended for the use of the so-called Confederate States. Adopted.

Mr. McDOUGALL, of California, (Dem.,) offered a resolution requesting the President to communicate to the Senate any correspondence in his possession or in the State Department, between this Government and the Mexican Minister at Washington relating to exportation from ports of the United States articles contraband of war, for the use of the French army in Mexico; also, a reported order to prevent the Mexican Government to avoid itself of the same privilege.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. FESSENDEN, from the Committee on Finance, reported back the bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy, with amendments.

Mr. KENNEDY, of Maryland, (Union,) then announced, in feeling terms, the death of his late colleague, Hon. JAMES ALFRED PEARCE, who died on the 31st of December, aged 56 years. He was born at Alexandria, at the house of his grandfather, but his parents lived in Maryland. He was admitted to Princeton College at the early age of 11 years, and graduated with the highest honors of his class. He was admitted to the bar in 1826. He was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1831, to the House of Representatives in 1835, and to the Senate of the United States in 1841.

Mr. KENNEDY paid a high, eloquent and touching tribute to the great moral worth, exalted character and true patriotism of the deceased Senator, and offered the customary resolutions of respect to his memory, which were adopted.

Messrs. BAYARD, of Delaware, and FESSENDEN, of Maine, also delivered eulogies, when the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Tuesday, Jan. 13.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Fenton, of of New-York; Kellogg, of Illinois; Wadsworth, of Kentucky, and English, of Connecticut, as a Special Committee to inquire into the expediency and necessity of establishing a military and post road from the City of New-York to the City of Washington, in order to facilitate the transportation of the mails, arms, troops and munitions of war.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the bill to provide ways and means for the support of the Government.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, (Rep.,) said that the extraordinary figures in this bill were transcended only by the object intended to be accomplished. Nine hundred millions of dollars in paper are called for by this measure. If the war should be prolonged until July, 1864, the entire amount will be needed; but great as are these figures, the price is not too much "for liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable." He (MORRILL) was constrained to vote for this bill because he knew of no other mode to relieve the immediate necessities of the Treasury. He, (MORRILL,) however, did not abate one jot from his former declared opposition to making gilt-edged paper a *measure or solvent for gold and silver. But the patient* had been so long accustomed to "opiates," that the dose cannot be withheld without peril. He incidentally remarked that our best financiers were our Generals and soldiers in the field. Upon their success depended that of our best devised financial schemes. Europe had no disposition to loan us money, nor was she then inclined to aid us in preserving the Union. We must therefore rely upon ourselves, as we had more resources than all Europe combined.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing the death of Senator PEARCE, of Maryland.

Mr. STEVENS said he would ask for the vote on his bill to-morrow, and on his motion the Committee rose.

Mr. CRISFIELD, of Maryland, passed a eulogy on the private character of the late Senator PEARCE.

Mr. CHANDLER paid a tribute to his friend, with whom he had long served in the Senate.

Messrs. McPHERSON, of Pennsylvania; MAY, of Maryland; RIDDLE, of Ohio, and MORRILL, of Vermont, also delivered remarks.

The usual resolutions of respect were adopted, and the House adjourned.

[Advertisement.]

THE WAY TO WEALTH.—Buy only what you have use for, and be sure that you get the worth of your money—above all things, avoid *cheap articles.* Some persons will buy a sixpenny bar of soap, because it is cheap, when ten cents will buy a bar of PYLE'S O. K. Soap, which will do more and better work than three of the sixpenny bars. Ask your grocer for PYLE'S O. K. Soap, and you will get that which is useful for the laundry, the toilet, or bathroom. PYLE'S Saleratus and Cream Tartar are also the best in use.

[Advertisement.]

THAT LITTLE QUEEN OF BEAUTY, Miss LAVINIA WARREN, the most beautiful, fascinating, elegant and accomplished mite of humanity, is attracting thousands to Barnum's Museum daily. Every one is delighted with her. Indeed, they can't help being so, she is so perfect in form and accomplishments. She will be visible to-day at all hours, and will be seen with Commodore Nutt, the smallest man living. The great drama, "Colleen Bawn," will be played afternoon and evening.

[Advertisement.]

VOLUNTEERS ATTENTION!—For the derangements of the system incidental to the change of diet, wounds, eruptions and exposures, which every volunteer is liable to, there are no remedies so safe, convenient and reliable, as HOLLOWAY'S Pills and Ointment. 25 cents per box.

[Advertisement.]

HERRING'S Patent Champion Fire-Proof Safes, and HERRING'S new Patent Burglar-proof Safes, with RAMSDEN & PYNE'S Patent Crystallized Iron—the only material which cannot be drilled—at No. 251 Broadway, New-York.

[Advertisement.]

SOMETHING TO DO.—*All* wish to be pleasantly and profitably occupied, and Phrenology and Physiology will aid in deciding what each can do best. Call on FOWLER and WELLS, No. 308 Broadway.

Passengers Arrived.

In ship New-York, from Vera Cruz.—Don Ramon, C. M. C.

In ship Victoria, from London.—H. Cook, G. Cook.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.... 7 22 | Sun sets.... 4 56 | Moon rises... 2 27

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook. 2 27 | Gov. Island. 2 54 | Hell Gate.... 4 26

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....TUESDAY, Jan. 13.

Cleared.

Ship Ladora, Holmes, London, Wm. Roper & Co.

Barks Daphne, (Norw.,) Larsen, Cork, Funch, Meyercke & Wendt; Pride of the Sea, Gilchrist, Sanz Del Valle & Co.

Brigt Onondaga, Card, London, Hastings Dyer; Hannah, Allen, Aspinwall, Smith, Jones & Co.; Kate, McDonough, Haliax, H. J. & C. A. De Wolf